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Veterans unite to support Park Square Viet memorial

By Judy Katz

Five old-line veterans' organizations locked arms in solidarity with their newer Vietnam War comrades last night, declaring undivided support for the Berkshire County Vietnam Veterans of America chapter's quest for a six-by-six-foot patch of Park Square on which to build a privately financed monument.

"We as veterans of Pittsfield support 100 percent the Vietnam veterans' request as they requested it," said Donald E. Spring, commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 448.

Spring identified himself as the designated spokesman for the area chapters of the VFW, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Marine Corps League, and Jewish War Veterans.

The position, he said, was agreed on yesterday at a meeting of all the organizations.

Spring made his statement at a public hearing called by At-large Councilor Peter G. Arlos, chairman of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Committee which was established by the City Council at Arlos's request.

The VVA chapter had asked the Park Commission for the Park Square land but had not sought city funds or any further government involvement. Chapter officers had stressed that the organization wanted a simple memorial specifically to those who served, died and were missing in action in Vietnam, wanted to team that with a "living memorial" — a scholarship fund — and finance both through private contributions.

Before the City Council, Arlos had advocated a taxpayer-erected monument to those who served in Vietnam. Later, at the first meeting of the memorial committee, he said he had changed his mind after talking to some veterans of other wars. He then called for a tripartite complex of monuments, also to be erected at taxpayer expense, to those who served in World War II, the Korean conflict and Vietnam.

At the request of Spring, VVA

chapter president Lawrence E. Caprari, a member of the committee, read a statement reiterating his chapter's position. "We feel Mr. Arlos has brought politics into this matter," threatening to thrust a wedge between the veterans' groups in the process, he said.

The chapter had voted to "disassociate ourselves from politics," he said: "We disassociate ourselves from Mr. Arlos."

The chapter will continue to seek the Park Square site, he said, but it will also support any move to place a marker or plaque commemorating veterans of all three wars at the war memorial on South Street.

About 40 people turned out for the hearing, including commanders of the veterans organizations, a large contingent of Vietnam veterans and several veterans of World War II, the Korean conflict and Vietnam who identified themselves as unaffiliated.

One of those, Lemuel G. Lloyd of

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28 Bradford St., said he came because of the letter Arlos had sent to individual veterans asking them to attend.

It was the first time, he said, he had ever received an official city communication as a veteran.

Lloyd, who said he served in both Korea and Vietnam and had spent more than 23 years in the military, was also one of several speakers who supported the Vietnam veterans but also expressed a personal preference for a joint memorial.

"Vietnam was special," he said. "I don't think the people of this country gave them [the veterans] their due when they came back; but I don't think they gave the Korean veterans their due either."

If he were to design a monument, he said, it would be inscribed "to those who served in the conflicts of the United States." A special tablet would be included, he said, surmounted by a silver star and inscribed simply, "MIA."

Whenever the parade of speakers threatened to end, Arlos urged others forward with the vigor of an auctioneer seeking another bid. By the end of the hour-long hearing, about five who responded had expressed opinions similar to Lloyd's. They said they back the VVA chapter but would also like to see the city erect a memorial to veterans of all wars. The present war memorial on South Street is dedicated to those who served in World War I.

Declares a consensus

Arlos finally declared a consensus: "To support the Vietnam veterans, whatever that support would mean" in their application to the Park Commission for the land, and to erect a monument to the veterans of World War II, Korea and

Vietnam at the War Memorial Park on South Street.

Spring objected. "The only thing we recommend is to support the Vietnam veterans," he said.

"But we can't disregard the others who spoke," Arlos replied.

Several councilors were present as spectators. At-large Councilor James R. McCaffrey, declaring he is behind giving the Vietnam veterans the Park Square site, called for a show of hands to determine the consensus of the meeting. "Meeting adjourned," Arlos replied.

But people continued to speak. John J. Shea of 52 Euclid Ave. called out, "I see no need to mention World War II and Korea at this time. We're here for the Vietnam veterans."

Ward 5 Councilor Paul W. Sottile recommended that the memorial committee dissolve itself since the Park Square site issue is a matter

for the Park Commission. "This just muddies the water," he said.

Nick Costa, a VFW officer from North Adams, said the important question is what the proposed memorial (which the Vietnam veterans plan to design themselves) will look like. He cited the example of the problem-plagued veterans' memorial tower on Mount Greylock.

To submit designs

Thomas G. Lareau, a member of the VVA chapter and the memorial committee, replied that the chapter would submit two or three different designs to the Park Commission "and if they are unacceptable, we will submit more."

The group wants something acceptable both to the Park Commission and the people of Pittsfield, he said. Indicating the press table, he said, "All we want is a space the size of that desk."

Recreation supervisor post soon to become full time

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The city Park Commission Monday cleared the way for filling the restored full-time post of recreation supervisor, one of whose jobs will be coordination of the volunteers who keep most of the city's playgrounds open in this era of budget austerity.

Director of Community Services Vincent J. Hebert was unable to pinpoint a deadline for applications or a date for hiring but said it would be "as soon as possible," perhaps before the end of the month.

The authorization came after the commission members approved a new job description for the Civil Service position, eliminated last July but restored on a part-time basis this fall and now reconstituted full time.

The last full-time supervisor was Linda Murphy, who left the post when it was erased in an economy move last June 30. The present part-time supervisor is Linda Altman.

Its return to full-time status was approved by the City Council at the behest of Mayor Charles L. Smith

last fall. Hebert had argued it was necessary if the Recreation Department is to maintain the so-far-successful Citizens Volunteer Alliance, whose members have "adopted" various parks and playgrounds in the past year.

Without the volunteers, said Hebert, the city's summer recreation programs and playground maintenance would be virtually nil.

The job salary will be between \$15,703 and \$17,773, depending on qualifications and experience. For the balance of this year, the salary will be prorated.

Neighbors react sharply against Rte. 7 project

By Judy Katz

The proposed realignment and reconstruction of Route 7 along Pontoosuc Lake would encourage speeding, increase the risk of accidents, mar the beauty of the area and deprive neighborhood children of access to the lake, neighborhood residents declared last night.

Most of the 11 residents who spoke at the public hearing conducted by the state Department of Public Works agreed some road improvements are needed. But they opposed the plan to widen the roadway to 40 feet, eliminate a sharp curve beside the Pontoosuc Lake channel by rerouting the road through YMCA property and building a retaining wall to allow a section of road to be moved toward the lake.

"You don't wall out beautiful things — you open them up," said Mary L. Murphy of 89 Exeter Ave.,

who also charged that the reconstructed road may be used as a substitute for the northern leg of the controversial and long-dormant Pittsfield bypass proposal.

Speaking so rapidly that the court stenographer transcribing the hearing asked her to slow down, Mrs. Murphy turned on the consulting engineers who drew up the design concept. She asked to "borrow your \$300,000 pointer — which is what we paid for the study" to demonstrate her own suggestion for smoothing the curve. She charged that tying reconstruction of the 75-year-old Hancock Road bridge and a traffic signal for the Broadway area to the road project is "blackmail."

The environmental assessment and conceptual design were prepared for the city by consultants Anderson-Nichols of Boston. But if the project goes forward, the federal and state aid would pay the es-

timated \$3.7 million bill. District Highway Engineer Dean P. Amidon, who presided over the hearing, told the audience of 60 or so seated in the City Council chamber that if the project does proceed, another hearing will be called when design is 25 percent complete.

Mildred Connelly of 1536 North St., one of several speakers who argued that speeding is a major problem now and would become worse if the road is widened, said drainage and visibility should be improved, but "we don't need this multi-million-dollar fiasco."

Lawrence E. Caprari of 1588 North St. described the lakeside section of Route 7 as "a residential street, not a main highway" and King Percival of 1529 North St., whose lakeside cottage would be taken if the plan goes through, said the effect on the lake shore would be detrimental not only for him but for his neighbors and the community.

Pointing to sections of the engineers' maps, Hugh Quirk, who owns Quirk's Marine near the lake, warned of defects in the plan. The lake-front area that would be opened up by rerouting the road through YMCA land is proposed as potential beach, he said, but large boats using the channel would make it too dangerous for swimming. He said the road widening would eliminate the only lake-side source of gasoline for the boats.

He added his voice to those who complained earlier that the reconstruction plan would leave youngsters in the area no way to get down to the lake to swim, fish, ice fish, play hockey or walk along the water's edge.

Summarizes concerns

Before the residents had their say, city officials were invited to speak. Ward 1 Councilor Caroline M. Bresnahan summarized the neighbors' concerns about cost, the loss of two properties and trees, and the lack of a firm commitment to provide sidewalks and bike paths.

Saying the road would be an "expressway smashing into the heart of the city," At-large Councilor Peter G. Arlos opposed the plan, while city planner David P. Hathaway, speaking for the Planning Board, stressed the importance of minimizing impact on the neighborhood and providing lake access for walkers and bicyclists.

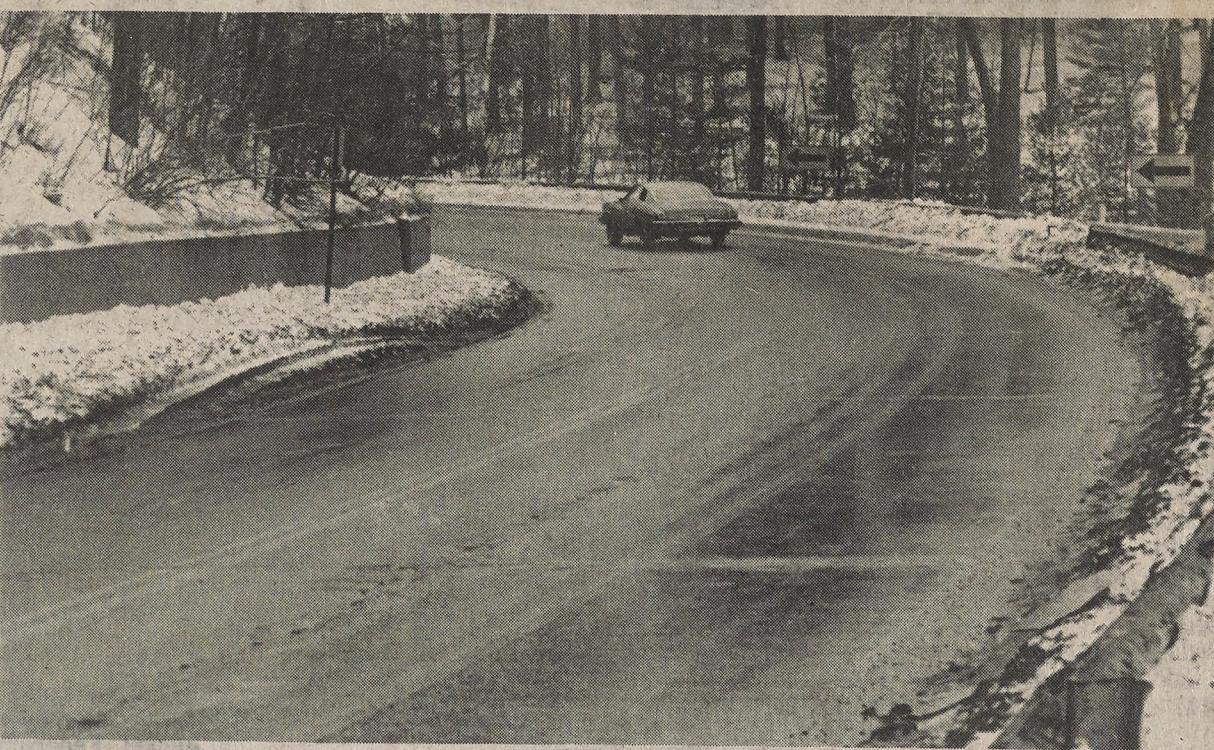
The only good word for the project came by proxy. Hathaway read a statement from Ward 7 Councilor Cynthia L. Betters, who said she is prepared to vote in favor of it to prevent delaying replacement of the deteriorating Hancock Road bridge.

Kurt E. Kramer, a representative of the YMCA, handed the stenographer what he said was a nine-point list of items the Y considers necessary in order to agree to the project. But he did not read it. Parks Commission Chairman Roger Sloper said the commission opposes any "sale, lease or swap" of any property now used for public recreation.

The consultants reported that the city and the YMCA both want control of the triangle of lake-front land that would be opened if the road is rerouted through YMCA property.

The proposed reconstruction, from the former Pontoosuc School to the Lanesboro line, would involve taking the Percival house, a fruit stand, several vacant patches of lake front and a right of way through YMCA property, Anderson-Nichols representatives said.

They said the plan had been drawn to achieve the goals outlined at previous public workshops of improving traffic and pedestrian safety, improving drainage and lake access, and improving the recreation potential of the lake.



Joel Librizzi

SHARP CURVE near the south end of Pontoosuc Lake is one of the hazards that the state wants to reduce with its proposed reconstruction of Route 7. This is the curve as it is perceived from an automobile driving south.

FEB 21 1984 Mayor to name choices for city department heads

Mayor Charles L. Smith said he expects to submit a full slate of department head appointments to the City Council for confirmation Feb. 28, ending about six weeks of holdover government in City Hall.

The bulk of the department heads' terms expired in January, as they do every two years when a new mayor takes office. The idea behind that arrangement is that department heads are the mayor's management team and each mayor should be able to pick his own.

Of course, since Mayor Smith is serving his third term, the new mayor is also the old mayor. But that is no guarantee of an unchanged cabinet lineup. Smith announced early last month that he might decide to bring some fresh faces into City Hall.

Serving as holdovers, because their 1984-1986 appointments have not been submitted to the Council as yet, are Director of Community Services Vincent J. Hebert, Director of Maintenance Ronald Spring, Building Commissioner Robert J. Pomeroy Jr., Commissioner of Public Utilities William L. Forestell, Commissioner of Public Works Gerald S. Doyle, City Accountant Robert Peck, Assessor Michael J. Quigley, Purchasing Agent Edward J. Ziemia and Tax Collector David J. Polcaro Jr.

So far, the mayor has made three top-level appointments. One of them, according to City Solicitor

Edward M. Reilly, has to be re-made.

Smith named Lawrence A. Grizley Jr. on Dec. 27 to fill the hole created by Treasurer Francis J. Condon's retirement date of Dec. 31. That means Grizley was filling the balance of the treasurer's unexpired term, Reilly said, making him a holdover whose name must go back before the Council.

As his first permanent appointments of his new term, Smith named Grizley director of administration and finance when Nicholas J. Sarro retired in January and appointed William S. Ballen to Grizley's former slot as director of administrative services. Ballen was formerly vice principal and community coordinator of Morningside Community School.

Sitting out the appointment parade are City Solicitor Edward M. Reilly, who has no fixed term of office; Police Chief Stanley Stankiewicz, whose three-year term is up in July, and Health Commissioner Louis A. Bolduc, whose five-year term expires in 1987.

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Plans for nursing home are dropped temporarily

A Windsor, Conn., developer has temporarily withdrawn plans for a 142-bed nursing home for the Knights of Columbus property on upper North Street next to Reid Middle School.

David P. Hathaway, the city's principal planner, said developer John C. Chakalos submitted a letter asking that the application be withdrawn without prejudice after he, his attorney and real estate agent met with Hathaway to discuss the site plan yesterday morning. In the letter, Chakalos wrote that the plan will be revised and resubmitted in the near future.

The withdrawal also means that a Zoning Board of Appeals hearing scheduled for tomorrow will be postponed. The Planning Board must review the site plan and determine that it meets the requirements of the zoning ordinance before the Zoning Board can issue a special permit for the nursing home.

Plan deficient

According to Hathaway, the original site plan was deficient in many respects. There is a question, he said, whether the developer has enough land to meet the minimum requirement of 7 acres for a 142-bed

nursing home. The plan includes an undeveloped portion of Sherrill Avenue as part of the site. Without the street, the developer has only 6.8 acres.

In addition, the plan cannot meet the minimum side-yard setback requirement of 50 feet if the Sherrill Avenue right of way is excluded, he said.

The plan does not show enough parking spaces, shows no off-street loading area or walkways and gives no figure for the percentage of land to be devoted to outdoor activities, according to an analysis prepared by Hathaway.

Park board supports move to allow nursing home

By Debra DiMassimo

The Park Commission voted unanimously Tuesday to recommend that the City Council abandon a paper street on the Knights of Columbus property near Reid Middle School in order to remove an impediment to a Connecticut developer's plan for a 142-bed nursing home.

Glenn T. Terk, attorney for developer John C. Chakalos, said the city zoning ordinance requires a minimum of 7 acres for a 142-bed nursing home. By including the undeveloped Knights of Columbus land designated for an extension of Sherrill Avenue, Terk said, Chakalos can meet the requirement. Without it, the parcel falls short by two-tenths of an acre.

Terk said Chakalos would be willing to grant the Park Commission a 40-foot-wide easement for future access to Springside Park, which abuts the property that Chakalos wants to purchase for the nursing home.

Chakalos contended that his plan represents "the best and highest use of the property." He said that the brick Colonial building would be well-landscaped and that he would be happy to meet with any neighbors who are concerned about the plan.

Realtor John R. Walsh of Guitian Realty Agency told the Park Commission that the project would add \$5 million to the city's tax base. Noting that 100 employees of Berkshire Medical Center have just been laid off, he added that the nursing home would employ 125.

Councilor concerned

Ward 1 City Councilor Caroline M. Bresnahan said she was concerned about traffic flow because the driveway on the Knights of Columbus property is located only 6 feet from the entrance to Reid Middle School. Employees on the nursing home's 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. shift would be using the driveway at times when many children would be walking in the area, she said.

Chakalos said he would be "open to reasonable recommendations and suggestions" from neighbors.

Ms. Bresnahan commented that the Planning Board originally had scheduled a site-plan review for Feb. 13 and the Zoning Board of Appeals was supposed to act on Chakalos's petition for a special permit Feb. 15.

"You hadn't notified the neighbors," Ms. Bresnahan told Chakalos.

"This is true," Chakalos replied. "At the time I didn't realize there were concerns."

Chakalos withdrew his initial site plan on Feb. 13 after being told by City Planner David P. Hathaway that it did not meet several zoning ordinance requirements and that the Sherrill Avenue matter had to be resolved. The Zoning Board voted Feb. 15 to allow the developer to withdraw the plan without prejudice.

After further discussion, member Clifford J. Nilan moved that the commission recommend that the Council abandon the paper street, on the condition that the Park Commission be given an easement for access to the park.

Terk said after the meeting that a revised site plan would be submitted to the Planning Board in the next week or two.

Paula Virgilio new coordinator for Morningside

The School Committee last night named Paula J. Virgilio coordinator at Morningside Community School, succeeding William S. Ballen who resigned Feb. 3 to become director of administrative services at City Hall.

Mrs. Virgilio will receive a salary of \$18,314, prorated for the balance of the year.

Assistant Superintendent Charles R. Bordeau said she was selected from a field of more than 100 candidates who responded to advertisements for the position.

A 1970 graduate of North Adams State College, Mrs. Virgilio was an elementary teacher for a year in the city school system and has been a substitute teacher and tutor in Pittsfield and Lanesboro schools for eight years. She has also been a pre-kindergarten teacher at Morningside since 1976 and was a pre-kindergarten teacher at the former Rice School from 1972 to 1976.

At present, she is office manager for the Junior League of Berkshire County and is a four-year member of the city Park Commission and past chairman.

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Former resident named city recreation supervisor

Kelly A. Devanny of New Haven, Conn., a former Pittsfield resident, has been chosen from among 21 applicants to be the city's new full-time recreation supervisor, Director of Community Services Vincent J. Hebert announced this week.

After applications were screened by the Park Commission, five finalists were interviewed for the Civil Service post, which had been eliminated in a budget-cutting move last June 30. It was restored by the City Council, first on a part-time basis and later as a full-time position, last fall. The salary range for the post is \$15,703 to \$17,773.

Miss Devanny, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Devanny III of 15 Beech Grove Drive, is a 1978 graduate of Taconic High School, where she played softball and was co-captain of the girls' basketball

team. She graduated from Berkshire Community College in 1980 and from Southern Connecticut State College with a bachelor of science degree in recreation and leisure studies in 1983.

At the time she applied for the Pittsfield position, she was recreation coordinator for the New Haven Parks and Recreation Department. She will start work here March 5, Hebert said.

Miss Devanny's duties will include conducting a playground training institute, managing the city's playgrounds, planning, promoting and running special events and coordinating the work of the Citizens Volunteer Alliance.

The last full-time recreation supervisor was Linda M. Murphy. Part-time supervisor in the interim was Linda Altman, who is now teaching at Taconic High School and was not an applicant for the full-time position.

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25 Years Ago

Daniel Dillon was crowned carom champion of the Catholic Youth Center. The winner defeated Dan Barzowskas in the semifinals and won over George Weldon in two straight matches for the championship.

There were more than 43,000 participants in the winter sports activities of the Department of Parks & Recreation during the past season. Pronouncing the end of winter for the department, Superintendent Vincent J. Hebert reported that the participant total showed an increase of 16,000 over the 1957-58 season.

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MAR 9 1984 Meeting to be held on Upper North Street nursing home project

A meeting will be held Monday for residents of the upper North Street area who are concerned about plans for a 142-bed nursing home proposed for the Knights of Columbus property near Reid Middle School.

Ward 1 Councilor Caroline M. Bresnahan has scheduled the informational meeting for 7 p.m. in Room 212 at City Hall.

She said she hopes to get a member of the Park Commission — the property abuts Springside Park — and a representative of the School Department to attend.

Glenn Terk, attorney for developer John C. Chakalos of Windsor, Conn., will be at the meeting to answer questions, Ms. Bresnahan said.

MAR 9 1984

Mayor hoping to revive local agricultural fair

By Judy Katz

Pittsfield — the site of what may have been the nation's first agricultural fair in 1810 — may revive the tradition this summer.

Mayor Charles L. Smith said he has delegated Community Development Commissioner William J. Angelo to ask the Park Commission at its Monday meeting for permission to use Springside Park as the fairground.

The 1810 fair, organized by Elkanah Watson (who exhibited two Merino sheep), was held in Park Square. But that is no longer suitable for the "straight, old-fashioned agricultural fair with ox draws, animals, cattle and vegetables" envisioned by Mayor Smith.

The mayor reversed the old saying that those who do not know history are doomed to repeat it. He said he got the itch to repeat the historic event as soon as he learned about it.

Berkshire County is replete with fairs, he said, but he doubts any have been held in the agricultural fair's birthplace since Watson's day.

He said he wants to stage it the first week in August and name it in honor of Elkanah Watson. But whether he gets his wish depends upon the 4-H Club as well as the Park Commission.

Smith said he probably will name a planning committee next week. The committee will work out the details, he said, such as whether a fair should include a midway.

If the plan is carried out, it will take its place on Pittsfield's summer calendar along with the annual downtown arts festival and ethnic fair. Smith said he wants Pittsfield to offer a rich assortment of activities that people can enjoy without leaving town and without spending a lot of money.

"I enjoy putting on events that people can enjoy," he said.

FEB 24 1984 City starts work on updating master plan

The Planning Board, to ensure public participation in updating the city's master plan, is distributing forms to solicit comments on various planning and development issues, Chairman Richard D. Valenti has announced.

Copies of the form are available at the Planning Board office, the city clerk's office, the front desk and reference desk of the Berkshire Athenaeum, and from the Chamber of Commerce, which has agreed to include the forms in its next mailing to the Chamber's 850 members. Forms should be returned to the planning office in City Hall by March 8.

The form lists nine general categories: regional relationships, housing, industrial development, transportation and transit, community development, recreation development, environmental issues and energy. It asks people to list their concerns under each heading.

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Name in the News

Home-grown cheerleader

As Pittsfield's new recreation supervisor, Kelly A. Devanny will be acting as both coach and cheerleader to drum up support and enlist volunteers for the city's parks and playgrounds.

Her enthusiasm for the task comes naturally. "I grew up at Clapp Park," said Miss Devanny, whose parents live near the park at 15 Beech Grove Drive. And after her freshman year at Berkshire Community College, she worked for the Park Department as an assistant playground leader at Clapp.

In taking her plea for volunteers to help maintain the parks and supervise playground activities to various clubs and civic and church groups, Miss Devanny also has the advantage of being a Pittsfield native who is familiar with all of the city's recreation facilities.

"Kelly Devanny has the best credentials of all the recreation supervisors I've had in the past 10 years," declared John C. Marchesi, recreation director. The previous two full-time recreation supervisors were out-of-towners, he added.

Miss Devanny, whose poise belies her 23 years, proved her persistence on the playing fields and in the gym at Taconic High School, where she played soccer for one year and softball and basketball for three. She admitted that her best sport was softball, but neglected to mention that she was an All-Berkshire catcher.

Basketball didn't come as easily,



Susan Plageman
Kelly A. Devanny
It's good to be home'

but practice paid off. After two seasons spent mostly on the bench, she came off it with a vengeance in her senior year, averaging 10.3 points per game and emerging as a defensive standout. She and her twin sister Karen were co-captains of the team.

"When she finds something she wants, she goes after it," Thomas Bligh, her basketball coach at Taconic, said of Kelly. "She and her sister would be at Clapp Park in Oc-

tober and November making jump shots."

Bligh, who also taught Miss Devanny's sociology class at Taconic, remembers her as a "very level-headed, mature individual. She would always think before she'd act."

One of three daughters of James and Frances Albano Devanny — the third is 20-year-old Kristine — she graduated from Taconic in 1978 and from Berkshire Community College in 1980. She started out in social services, but soon switched her major to recreation.

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Park board sets meeting on nursing home proposal

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By Debra DiMassimo

The Park Commission voted unanimously last night to hold a public meeting April 2 at 8 p.m. for neighbors concerned about a proposed 142-bed nursing home near Springside Park and Reid Middle School.

Commission member Clifford J. Nilan, who with Chairman Roger B.

Sloper attended an informational meeting for the neighbors March 12, said the neighbors have "major concerns" about the project and were "upset that we voted without asking their opinions." He contended that the full commission should hear what they have to say.

Connecticut developer John C. Chakalos, who has an option to purchase the Knights of Columbus property for the nursing home, attended that meeting.

The Park Commission voted unanimously Feb. 21 to recommend to the City Council that it abandon an easement that the city was granted 40 years ago over the rear of the property for an extension of Sherrill Avenue. In return, Chakalos would grant the city an easement for future access to Springside Park.

Nilan suggested that the commission might be inclined to reconsider that vote after meeting with the neighbors.

If the Council does not abandon the "paper street," Chakalos cannot meet the land requirements for a 142-bed facility. He could, however, build a 100-bed home on the parcel.

In either case, the nursing home needs site-plan approval from the Planning Board and a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Both boards would have to hold public hearings on the proposal.

The Park Commission meeting with residents of the area will take place at Springside House.

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Neighbors oppose North Street plan for nursing home

MAR 13 1984

By Debra DiMassimo

Connecticut developer John C. Chakalos got more than he bargained for last night at an informational meeting for neighbors concerned about his plans to build a \$5 million, 142-bed nursing home on upper North Street near Reid Middle School.

Anticipating requests to shift the driveway location or screen certain areas from view, Chakalos instead ran into heated opposition from several residents who don't want any commercial operation in their neighborhood or want the city to buy the 7-acre Knights of Columbus property to expand Springside Park.

The developer displayed a rendering of a brick one- and two-story nursing home under construction in Torrington, Conn., that he said is almost identical to the one he wants to build here. The facility would be located atop a knoll on the property, facing the school, and would be "well-isolated" from any houses, Chakalos said.

Traffic issue

About 25 people attended the meeting, which was arranged by Ward 1 Councilor Caroline M. Bresnahan. Of those who spoke, most complained that the nursing home, which would employ 100, would generate additional traffic in an already congested area.

There also appeared to be widespread confusion about an easement the city was granted some 40 years ago for a "paper street" — an extension of Sherrill Avenue that was never built. Unless the City Council and the mayor agree to abandon the paper street, Chakalos cannot meet the area requirements for a 142-bed facility.

He said last night, however, that a 100-bed nursing home would meet the requirements.

The Park Commission voted unanimously Feb. 21 to recommend to the Council that the Sherrill Avenue extension be abandoned if the developer gives the Park Commission an

easement for access to Springside Park.

That action was misinterpreted by several people last night who contend the city was giving away parkland. In fact, the Knights of Columbus fraternal order owns the strip of land in question, but the city has a right to use it exclusively for a public street.

Proponent speaks

Opposition to Chakalos's plan was not unanimous. Speaking not as a resident of the immediate area but as a Pittsfield taxpayer, Andrew D. Fresia of 47 Kittredge Road said the nursing home would serve the public, lower taxes and create employment.

"There's a need for this type of facility," Fresia said.

Richard M. Sayers of 2 Weller Ave. argued the plan would involve "cutting up upper North Street for a commercial zone" and would add a "terrific amount of traffic" to the heavily traveled street.

"I'm not saying we don't need a nursing home," he continued. "But why add it to the North End? It's an easy target."

Chakalos, who told The Eagle at one time that he has built or purchased about 20 nursing homes, countered last night that the facility would add no more than "30 to 35 cars per shift."

Jadwiga Loveless of 1056 North St. said repeatedly that she doesn't want anything to interfere with Springside Park and that the city should buy the Knights of Columbus property.

"I don't know why you're making such a big issue about 6 or 7 acres," Fresia interjected. "If you're opposed to the nursing home, I suggest you come up with another reason."

Mrs. Loveless reiterated her position that it is important to preserve as much land as possible. "Once

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'Trash skimmer' to be tried out on Pontoosuc

The Park Commission gave the Pontoosuc Lake Advisory Committee the go-ahead last night to proceed with plans for an experimental "trash skimmer" to help prevent debris from clogging the lake's outlet gate near the corner of North Street and Peck's Road.

As described by William S. Enser of Berkshire Enviro-Labs and James Darocha of Lanesboro, a member of the lake advisory committee, cedar utility poles with screens hanging below them would be attached to a guy wire strung across the channel south of the boat ramp.

The poles would float on the surface of the water and would drop with the lake level, they said. The skimmer would be in place, starting in late September, before the lake is drawn down for weed control, and would be removed in mid-December before the lake froze.

Darocha added that the poles, hardware, labor and trucks would be donated by Western Mass. Electric Co. as a community service project.

Enser said the plan would be brought before the Pittsfield Conservation Commission for its approval.

Opposition

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you give it up, especially for commercial use, it's gone forever," she added.

The tone of last night's meeting generally was unruly, with frequent, loud outbursts and interruptions from the audience and the developer. At one point, Ms. Bresnahan told Chakalos, "If you don't want to listen, I'm going to have to ask you to leave. You're being very rude to everyone here and to me, too."

If the Council approves the abandonment of the paper street easement, Chakalos's plan will then go to the Planning Board for site plan review to determine whether it meets the requirements under the city zoning ordinance for a nursing home.

Final decision on whether the developer will get the special permit he needs to operate a nursing home anywhere in the city will be made by the Zoning Board of Appeals after a public hearing.

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Nursing home survives neighborhood protest

By Debra DiMassimo

In the face of neighborhood opposition, the Park Commission last night to affirmed an earlier decision urging the City Council to abandon an easement for a "paper street" at the rear of the Knights of Columbus property near Reid Junior High School.

Abandoning the easement is the first hurdle Connecticut developer John C. Chakalos must clear in his effort to build a 142-bed nursing home on the 7.2-acre KofC property.

Attorney Samuel Landa of Pittsfield, representing Chakalos, told the Park Commission that the proposed \$5 million facility would pay more than \$100,000 a year in taxes and employ 122.

He gave the commission petitions, bearing more than 220 signatures, that stated: "We believe that the facility, employment, taxes and money generated by such construction is in the best interest of the city." At least 30 of those who signed gave addresses in the vicinity of the property.

Of the approximately 12 nursing homes in the county, Landa said, only two are in Pittsfield.

Mayor said supportive

The attorney also said Mayor Charles L. Smith is "wholeheartedly in support" of the plan.

Chakalos, who has an option to buy the property, said he has already invested \$38,000 in the project. He added that he has touched bases with the state Determination of Need Office and the Western Massachusetts Regional Health Planning Council. He said both agencies told him there is a need for nursing home beds in the area, but have not yet determined how many.

Before the nursing home could be built, the developer must get a certificate of need from the state.

None of the 20 area residents at last night's Park Commission meeting spoke in favor of the nursing home. Most of those who spoke reiterated statements they made at a meeting March 12 called by Ward 1 Councilor Caroline M. Bresnahan. That meeting followed one Feb. 21 at which the Park Commission voted unanimously to recommend abandoning the street easement.

If the council does not abandon the easement, Chakalos will not have enough land for a 142-bed facility, under zoning regulations. He could, however, build a 100-bed nursing home if he receives other, necessary approvals.

Jadwiga M. Loveless of 1056 North St. said she was appealing "to the primary function of the Park Commission to protect land or the city of Pittsfield. This is a marvelous opportunity to protect it - not for 122 jobs, but for 50,000 people."

Ms. Bresnahan questioned the validity of the petitions Landa gave the commission, saying she had re-

ceived only two calls in favor of the project, compared with countless calls from people opposing it.

"People have a right to determine what is in their neighborhood," she said, adding that the city should encourage local nursing home owners to expand their facilities if there is a need for more beds.

"I don't think we need another absentee owner in the North End," Ms. Bresnahan continued. "I hope you reconsider your vote."

Richard M. Sayers of 2 Weller Ave. contended that, if Chakalos is granted a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals for the nursing home, it would open up the area to further commercial development.

Jayne Webber of 16 Springside Ave. said the North End "doesn't need more institutions," and Judy Papa of 11 Abbott St. said the nursing home would contribute "noise pollution and car pollution" to the area.

Mary E. Sawyer of 1050 North St. said that, when she bought her home 18 years ago, the North End

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was a residential section. "Because of all the medical facilities, our area is deteriorating. There is a traffic hazard. . . . It doesn't warrant anything of this scope."

Role of commission

After further comments from the neighbors, Park Commissioner Clifford J. Nilan moved that the commission reconsider its Feb. 21 vote, saying that, in view of the neighbors' "legitimate complaints and concerns, the Park Commission should not give up the road (easement)."

Commissioner Anthony G. Massimiano, who had seconded Nilan's motion so the matter could be discussed, said the only issue before the Park Commission was whether it needed the road easement.

"It isn't really up to the Park Commission to kill this particular project," Massimiano argued, noting that the plan still needs the approval of the City Council, the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals after public hearings. "I don't think we should sit in judgment on this project."

"Our role is not to decide whether it [the nursing home plan] is best for the city," said Commissioner Paula J. Virgilio. "We're still retaining an easement."

Mrs. Virgilio added that "the development of parkland has gone down the tubes in terms of funding. It's all we can do to maintain the parkland we have."

Nilan cast the only vote in favor of reconsideration, with Massimiano, Mrs. Virgilio and Chairman Roger B. Sloper opposed. The fifth commissioner, Alma Arlos, did not attend the meeting.

After the vote, Mrs. Loveless, who wants the city to buy the KofC property to expand Springside Park, charged that the commission had "abdicated its leadership in preserving parkland."

"We didn't give any land away," Sloper responded.

"No, but you made it possible [for the project] to go to the next step," Mrs. Loveless said.

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Pat Cioffi is dead at 72; was athlete, restaurateur

Pasquale Baylon "Pat" Cioffi, 72, of 10 Union St., owner of the former Brass Rail restaurant here and former chairman of the city Park Commission, died yesterday at Berkshire Medical Center following a long illness.

Mr. Cioffi, a lightweight boxer and semipro baseball player in his youth, followed sports with enthusiasm as an adult. He was a generous contributor to local teams, an original sponsor of Little League baseball here and ran the Brass Rail baseball team that won the national amateur championship in 1949.

He served on the Park Commission for years and was its chairman in 1963 and 1970.

A genial man, Mr. Cioffi made his Brass Rail a popular establishment. He bought the restaurant in 1945 after discharge from World War II service, where he had risen from private to a captain commanding a Marine company in the Pacific theater of operations.

Originally the restaurant was located on North Street. In 1953 Mr. Cioffi moved it to Woodlawn Avenue

across from the main gate of General Electric. In 1967 he built a new restaurant on Kellogg Street around the corner from the former site. In 1974 — two years after he had retired — GE purchased that building from him and converted it to an office and visitor reception area.

Before coming to Pittsfield, Mr. Cioffi lived in North Adams, where he was an engineer in construction. He also worked for the U.S. Gypsum Co. in Cheshire. At one time he served as a union business agent.

He was born in Troy, N.Y., the son of Antonio and Antoinette Bove Cioffi. He attended schools in Troy and in New Jersey and attended the New York University School of Engineering.

Mr. Cioffi leaves his wife, the former Carmela M. Lepera from North Adams, to whom he had been married 41 years; a brother, Michael Cioffi of Daytona Beach, Fla., and three sisters, Miss Philomena Cioffi, Mrs. Edmund Dubie and Mrs. Pio Vecellio, all of North Adams.

There will be no services, and the body will be cremated. The family

APR 6 1984 Mayor wants more facts on nursing home proposal

Mayor Charles L. Smith at a press conference Wednesday clarified his position on a proposal by a Connecticut developer to build a 142-bed nursing home on the Knights of Columbus property near Reid Middle School on upper North Street.

Attorney Samuel Landa told the Park Commission on Monday, at a meeting for neighbors of the K. of C. property, that the mayor was "wholeheartedly in support" of the plan.

Sees misunderstanding

But Smith contended Wednesday that Landa apparently had misunderstood him.

"I'm in favor of any business that brings in jobs and expands the tax base," he said, "but I do not have enough information on my desk to say I favor it [the nursing home project]. I expected to listen to the results of the public hearings . . . and then make up my mind."

Developer John C. Chakalos of Windsor, Conn., has said his proposed \$5 million facility would employ 122 people and generate more than \$100,000 in tax revenue.

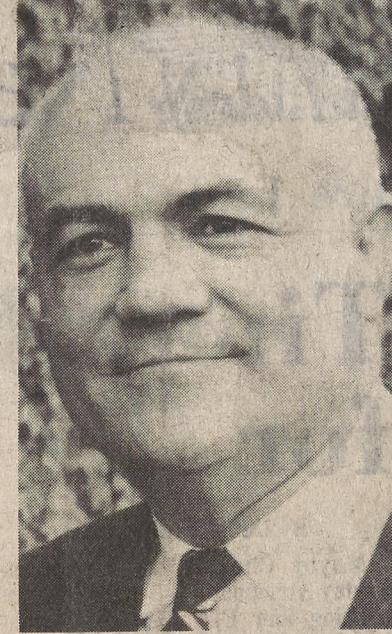
On Monday, the Planning Board voted 3-1 to affirm an earlier decision recommending that the City

Council abandon an easement for a "paper street" at the rear of the K. of C. property, in return for a less restrictive easement for access to Springside Park, if the project goes through.

If the road easement for an extension of Sherrill Avenue is not abandoned, Chakalos will not have enough land for a 142-bed nursing home but could still build a facility with 100 beds.

Chakalos also must obtain site-plan approval from the Planning Board and a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Both boards will hold public hearings on the proposal.

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The Park Commission voted Monday in support of an earlier recommendation that the city abandon an easement on property off upper North Street where a new 142-bed nursing home is planned. The incorrect board was described in yesterday's Eagle as having taken the action.



Pasquale B. "Pat" Cioffi

will receive relatives and friends tomorrow evening from 7:30 to 9 at the Bencivenga-Dagnoli Funeral Home.

Omission of flowers and mass cards is requested by the family, which suggests that memorial donations be made to the Salvation Army through the funeral home.

Mayor indicates he may accept block grant budget despite cuts

By Judy Katz

Mayor Charles L. Smith hinted yesterday that he may accept the \$3.1 million fiscal 1985 Community Development Block Grant budget as it stands instead of going another round with the City Council on behalf of two programs the Council cut.

Although Smith said he is still mulling it over, he added that "to try to gain a little more could be costly to a lot of people — too many others could be hurt. There's no sense sacrificing everything else for the sake of two programs."

The two programs account for less than 1 percent of the CDBG budget. With minor shifts and stipulations, the City Council backed everything else the mayor asked for. On most of the major items it did so on unanimous votes.

But the Council refused to approve spending \$10,000 to buy new equipment for student radio station WTBR and reduced the \$50,000 Smith allotted for renovation of Berkshire Public Theater's 30 Union St. building to \$20,000.

After the Council acted Tuesday, Council President Angelo C. Strazzuvi remarked that the amended budget needs mayoral approval to become final. At that point, Smith called out, "I disapprove."

Hesitation

Smith made it clear yesterday that he still disapproves, even though he is hesitating to make his disapproval official.

The reasons for his hesitation include the jobs and paychecks implicit in almost \$1 million budgeted for street reconstruction and sidewalk repair projects slated to go out to bid soon and \$300,000 for park improvement projects.

The budget also includes \$65,000 for property acquisition and demolition of condemned structures — an item that, Community Development Commissioner William J. Angelo told the Council, includes money to buy land to round out the city's high-priority Barker Road industrial development parcel.

Other approved items include \$30,000 for curb cuts to make the central business district more accessible to the handicapped, \$149,400 to support social services, \$500,000 to continue the Pittsfield Redevelopment Authority's housing-rehabilitation loan program for low-income homeowners and \$700,000 to prepare Parcel 5, the urban renewal tract on Columbus Avenue, for development.

A reprise of Council CDBG budget debate would put already approved

items back at risk — among them the \$20,000 the Council did vote for BPT. Some councilors who voted for the \$20,000 had said that if the choice for the theater was \$50,000 or nothing, they would choose nothing.

Smith made it clear that if he does reject the budget it will be to fight the BPT funding cut. The WTBR request, he said, "I think is pretty well killed."

Desnoyers objects

At the Council meeting Tuesday, School Committee Chairman George J. Desnoyers told councilors WTBR's request had not gone through the School Committee. The councilors clearly agreed with Desnoyers that it should have.

Smith said he disagrees but has no hope of convincing the Council.

The School Committee holds the Federal Communications Commission license for the radio station, which is located at Taconic High School and started about 14 years ago as an extracurricular activity.

Referring to the fact that the station has raised its own funds rather than being supported through the school budget, Smith said that "The School Committee has totally ignored WTBR for 14 years and could care less if it lived or died."

WTBR's coming to him for money without going through the School Committee, Smith said, is no different from the station's seeking donations from businesses or individuals.

"It's no different than going to Coca-Cola," he said.

Smith is passionately committed to Berkshire Public Theater, a repertory company that had no permanent home until it bought a former movie house on Union Street last year with city help.

Without the hard work of BPT members, Smith said, Pittsfield's first downtown summer arts festival — the first step in the mayor's campaign to win Pittsfield a place among the county's cultural centers as a destination for the million tourists who visit the county every summer — would not have been possible.

Economic value

The theater "is of great economic value," he said. One of his goals has been to restore nighttime activity to downtown. Downtown restaurant and bar owners have told him, he said, that their business picks up on BPT show nights.

Controversy erupted at Tuesday's public CDBG budget hearing over whether or not BPT agreed, when it received a grant last year, that it would not be back for more this year.

Councilors remembered such a promise. BPT Board President Joel S. Greenberg denied any had been made.

Smith said he never believed last year's aid — about \$70,000 in uncollected back taxes on BPT's building and a \$40,000 renovation grant — was a one-shot deal. "I expect to continue to support Berkshire Public Theater," he said.

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Clifford J. Nilan

Park board elects Nilan chairman

Clifford J. Nilan was elected chairman of the Pittsfield Park Commission last night, effective June 1, to succeed Roger B. Sloper.

Nilan, 35, has been a member of the commission since 1976. He is chief probation officer for the Berkshire Superior Court and is on the boards of directors of the Pittsfield Big Brothers program and Hillcrest Hospital. He is a member of the governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee and recently was elected to the Democratic State Committee.

A graduate of Pittsfield High School, he has a bachelor's degree from St. Anselm College and a master's degree in counseling psychology from Boston College.

Nilan lives at 265 Second St.

plans.

APR 27 1984 Nursing home proposal has troubles in Council

A nursing home proposal that has already had some bumpy going hit a pothole Tuesday night when the City Council came up two votes short of the eight needed to abandon a road easement on the proposed site, the 7-acre Knights of Columbus property near Reid Middle School.

Six councilors, a simple majority, voted to abandon the easement that the city acquired by eminent domain 40 years ago for a street extension that was never built. But City Solicitor Edward M. Reilly had explained that a two-thirds vote is needed to abandon a right of way taken by eminent domain.

Developer John C. Chakalos of Windsor, Conn., sought abandonment of the easement to make the parcel large enough to meet requirements for a 142-bed nursing home. With the easement in place, the site can qualify for a 100-bed home.

Chakalos, who has an option on the property, needs site-plan approval from the Planning Board, a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals and a certificate of need from the state.

Although his attorney submitted

petitions with 220 signatures in support of the project at a Park Commission meeting, the nursing home has drawn fire from some residents of the nearby Springside Avenue area who fought it at a neighborhood meeting, fought it before the Park Commission and fought it by making their wishes known to their Ward 1 councilor, Caroline M. Bresnahan.

At Tuesday's Council meeting, Ward 3 Councilor Norman W. Cheever Jr. said he toured the site. Other than a need to shift a driveway away from the school's drive, he said, he saw no negative factors.

"Whoever heard of neighbors having problems with a nursing home?" he asked.

Recreation Dept. seeking personnel

The Pittsfield Recreation Department has announced that applications are being accepted for lifeguards, staff for the special needs playground, umpires, supervisors for flea league baseball and park police officers.

The positions will be filled after the department's budget has been approved by the City Council, according to Recreation Director John C. Marchesi.

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Nice amenity

We applaud the modest but commendable demonstration of inter-governmental cooperation represented by the Pittsfield Park Department's donation of benches for the county Courthouse lawn. It's an attractive bit of greensward, and making it more useful to the public will perhaps serve as an added deterrent to the periodic efforts by highway engineers to chip away at it in the interests of speeding the East Street traffic flow.

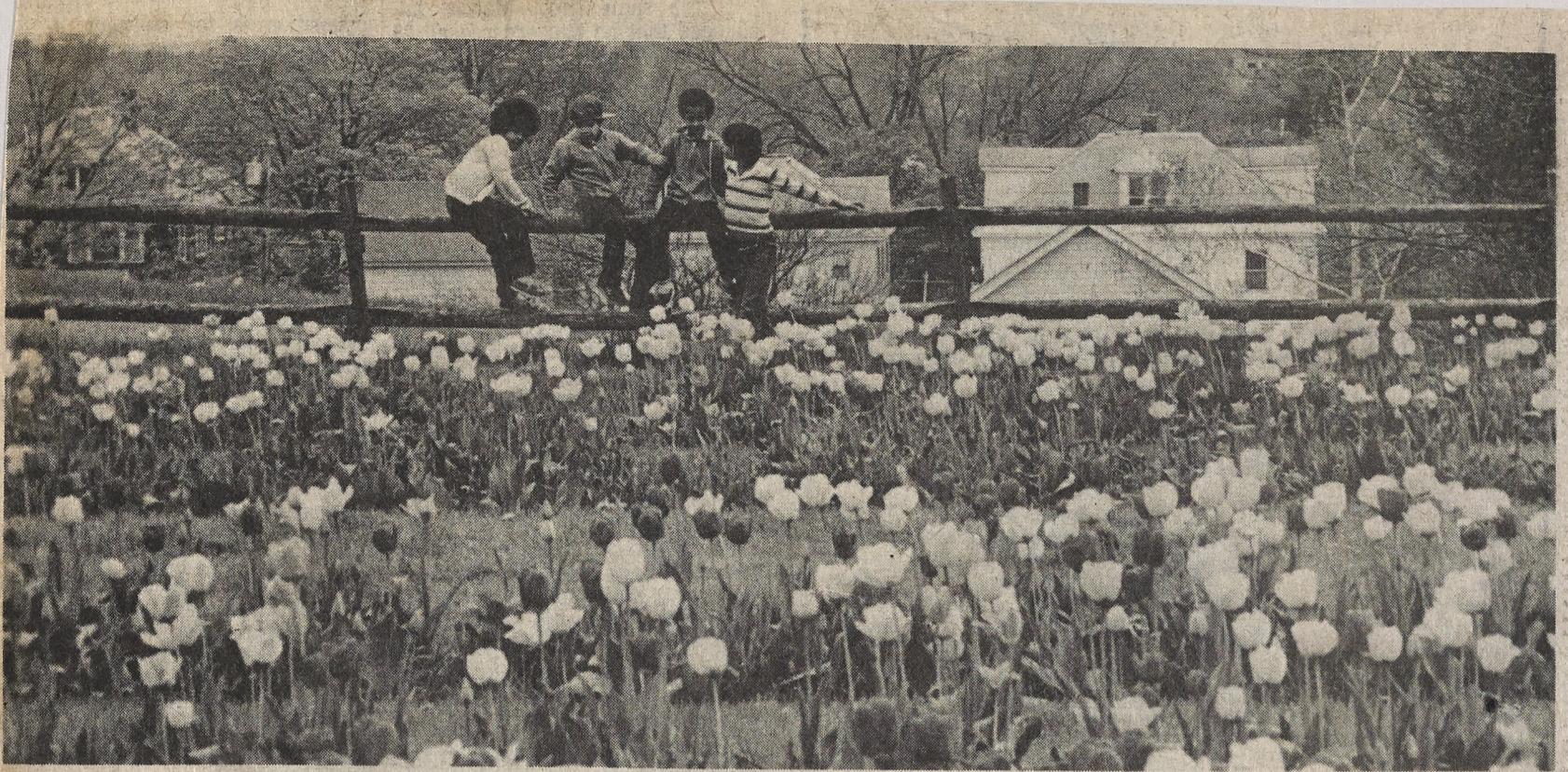
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Tulips are in bloom at Springside Park

The Department of Recreation has announced that the tulips in the public gardens at Springside Park are expected to be in full bloom this weekend.

In conjunction with the annual tulip display, the Springside Garden greenhouse group will conduct an open house and plant sale at the greenhouse from 10 to 4 on Sunday. Orin P. McCarty is chairman of the plant sale for the greenhouse group.

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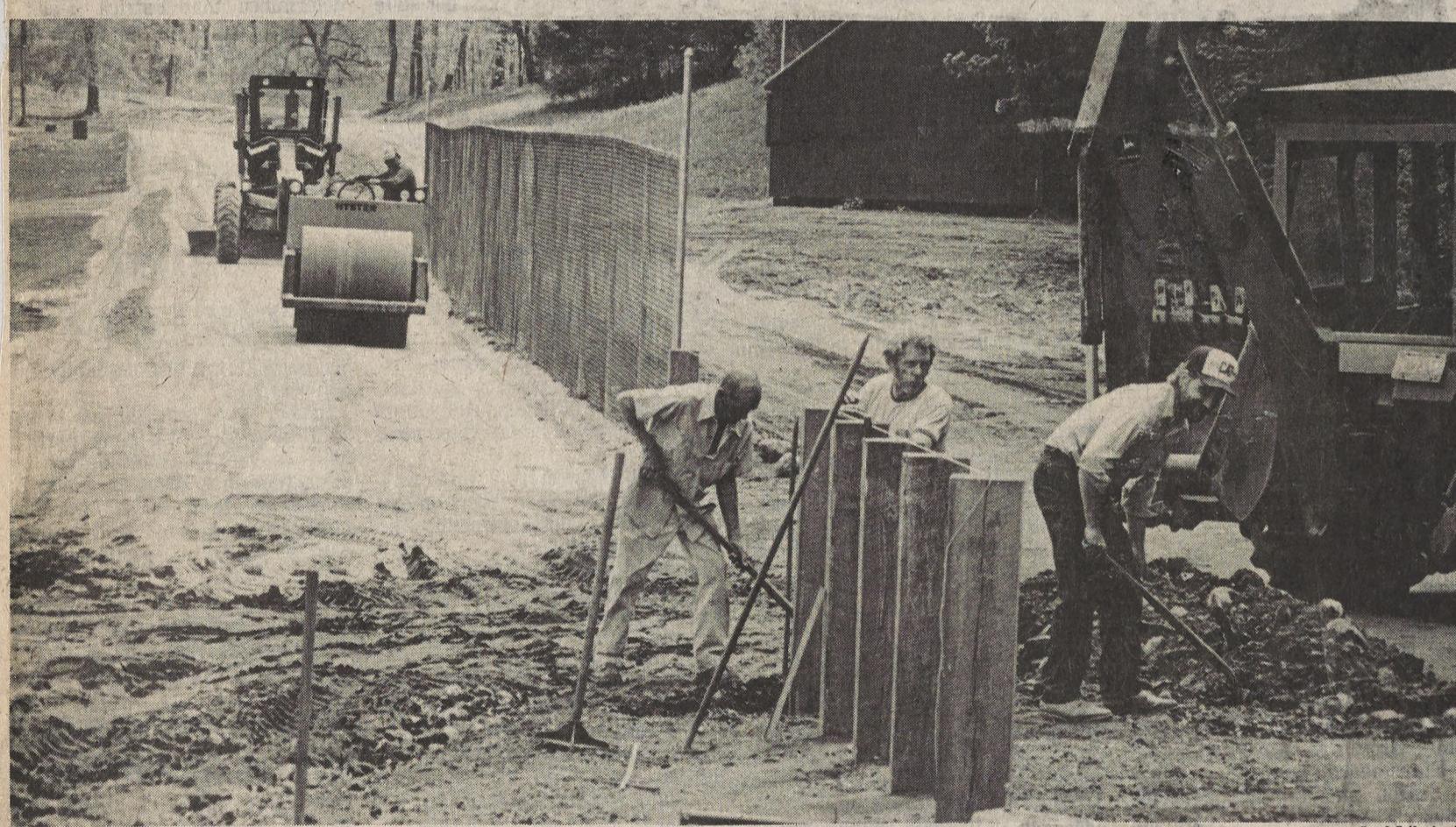
Joel Librizzi

It's tulip time

The tulips at Springside Park in Pittsfield are nearing full bloom, despite the cold weather, and the Park Department is ready for visitors this weekend. Early visitors Friday were,

from the left, Ardell Hanger, Earl Persip, Adrien Hanger and Robert Boyd. The Greenhouse Group at Springside will hold open house and a plant sale Sunday from 10 to 4.

Tuesday, May 22, 1984



Joel Librizzi

FIELD WORK at Clapp Park is being done by the Pittsfield Public Works Department in conjunction with the Maintenance and Recreation departments. An 8-foot-high safety fence has been erected 300 feet from home plate of the baseball dia-

mond, and a warning track of crushed stone is being installed so that outfielders in pursuit of fly balls won't run into the fence. Posts in the foreground of the photograph have been installed to prevent vehicles from driving onto the field.

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More money sought for policing parks

By Linda Carman

The City Council launched its wish list for the 1985 fiscal year budget last night by asking for a \$10,000 increase in the amount for park police, raising that item from \$8,000 to \$18,000.

The increase was pushed by Ward 7 Councilor Cynthia L. Betters, whose ward contains both Onota and Pontoosuc lakes, which are frequent sites for late-night teen-age parties.

Vincent J. Hebert, director of community services, which encompasses the parks, warned that without adequate supervision, more misbehavior will occur, resulting in more people shunning the parks.

"If you think it's bad now, it's going to get worse if something is not done," he said.

The addition to the wish list was made at a budget hearing that examined requests from the Building, Weights and Measures and Community Services departments, the Council on Aging and Berkshire Artisans.

"By their mere presence, [the park police] deter vandals. They do have the power of arrest on park property, but it's a matter of geography," Hebert said, maintaining that more park police need to be deployed.

The vote to augment the park police account was unanimous by the six councilors attending. In the absence of a quorum, a resolution goes to the full Council for endorsement.

Vandalism closes Children's Zoo

By Debra DiMassimo

A rash of vandalism at the Spring-side Park Children's Zoo has prompted Department of Community Services Director Vincent J. Hebert to close it until additional supervision can be arranged.

There have been at least six incidents of vandalism at the zoo during the last two weeks, Hebert told the Park Commission last night. In one of them, vandals climbed over the 8-foot-high fence into the zoo enclosure and made a hole in the large bird cage, allowing the silver pheasant to escape.

The bird was found later at a Lincoln Street home and returned by a young zoo patron who recognized it. It has since been moved to Look Park in Northampton for its protection. Also moved to the Look Park zoo were the zoo's peacock and peahen, Hebert said, and farm animals were returned to their owners.

In other vandalism, two young rabbits were stolen from their cage, and two full-grown raccoons es-

aped after their cage was vandalized.

"It is difficult to explain how the work of a few vandals can interfere with the enjoyment of those who visit the zoo regularly," Hebert said. "It's a shame."

The Children's Zoo, usually open from June to mid-October, has been a fixture at Springside Park for about 20 years. It often has been a target of vandals, with the worst incidents occurring in 1972. That year, a baby pig was stabbed to death, a goat was crippled, a fox was let loose and the feathers were pulled from a peacock. The fox, unable to fend for itself in the wild, returned to the zoo and killed eight baby turkeys.

Hebert said he hopes funds can be found for park police officers to patrol the zoo in an effort to curb the vandalism.

He also issued a call for volunteers to help watch the area and asked anyone interested to call the Recreation Department's Citizens Volunteer Alliance program.

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Victory for vandals

Distasteful though it is to have to yield to a handful of hare-brains, Community Services Director Vinnie Hebert was quite right in deciding to shut down the Children's Zoo at Springside Park in the wake of the latest outcropping of vandalism. Experience here and elsewhere seems to prove that it just isn't practical to try to maintain such a facility without a budget big enough to permit round-the-clock surveillance. Broken windows and graffiti are bad enough; killing helpless animals, or "liberating" them when they are unable to fend for themselves, is considerably worse.

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JUN 15 1984 Ceremonies set to rename parks

Two Pittsfield parks will be renamed tomorrow in dedication ceremonies honoring the public officials whose name they will bear — the late City Councilor Henry V. Marchisio and the late Park Commissioner Robert J. Kirvin.

Clifford J. Nilan, chairman of the Park Commission, announced that the first ceremony will take place at 10 at Sackett Brook Park on Williams Street. It will be renamed for Dr. Kirvin, who served on the Park Commission for 25 years. During that period he served as chairman four times. He died in January this year.

The second ceremony will be at the Yankee Orchard Park on Dalton Division Road, which will be renamed for Marchisio, who as Ward 3 councilor had championed its creation. Marchisio died in 1980. The Yankee Orchard name change was proposed by Edward J. Renzi, also a former Ward 3 councilor.

The public is invited to attend the ceremonies.

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Susan Plageman

Catching her breath

Jennifer Dougherty, 4½, pauses pensively for a moment while enjoying a lively frolic in the fountain in Park Square.

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Prisoner use proposed for park maintenance

Ward 2 Councilor Kenneth G. Warren Jr. said last night that he will ask the Council to see if House of Correction inmates can help solve the maintenance problems in Pittsfield's parks.

Warren, who said he has received numerous complaints from constituents about unmown grass or missing tennis nets and swings, said he got the idea after reading that Sheriff Carmen C. Massimiano is looking for short-term projects that inmates might accomplish.

Other councilors may have additional ideas, he said, suggesting that the Council "brainstorm" ways of solving some of these problems."

Warren said he is also submitting another petition to the City Council on the park-maintenance issue, one aimed at compiling information so he can answer constituents' questions.

"I am asking for a tentative maintenance schedule of major tasks, like mowing, at major

parks," he said. "I am asking for an equipment rundown of the parks, where the parks are where things are missing from where they're supposed to be, and why."

Also, he said, he is seeking a description of the Department of Maintenance's staff level and responsibilities.

He added that his purpose is to lay the groundwork for finding solutions, not to criticize or place blame. He said he has already spoken briefly to Director of Maintenance Ronald H. Spring and Park Commission Chairman Clifford J. Nilan, and that "they are aware of the problems."

JUN 11 1984

Years Ago
Mayor Evan S. Dobelle appointed Diane S. Climo, first woman member of the Pittsfield Park Commission, to succeed Charles D. Gilson, who stepped down after 10 years' service.

Dump Clapp's 'killer posts'

By Bob McDonough

JUL 26 1984



There's trouble. Trouble, right here in Pittsfield city. That's trouble, with a capital T and that rhymes with P and that stands for posts. Posts? Killer posts, if you ask some. Or, as a Bennington, Vt., ballplayer simply asked earlier this week, "What the hell is that?"

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"That" is a series of posts, just about waist-high, lined up 22 across stretching from right-center to deep center field at Clapp Park. Post 68 American Legion baseball coach Jack Brennan describes them simply as "stupid."

Others are using the word "dangerous," and that's just what they are — an accident waiting to happen.

First, a little background.

When the Clapp Park construction project was completed last year, a road was built from West Housatonic Street to the new parking area between the softball and Little League diamonds. Some drivers, apparently, strayed from the road and took shortcuts across the running track, even onto the grass, en route to their destination.

Therefore, something had to be done to discourage auto traffic from straying from the road and, at the same time, protect baseball outfielders from getting squished by cars traveling on the new road, which is just a little more than 300 feet from home plate.

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Part of the solution was to put a 10-foot-high fence in right field. But the fence stretches only a few yards into center field, and the straying cars had to be held at bay for another 200 yards. The solution, reached at a meeting among four city officials — director of maintenance Ron Spring, director of community services Vincent Hebert, director of recreation John Marchesi and Parks Commission Chairman Roger Sloper — was the killer posts.

The posts are made of hard wood, driven about 3 feet into the ground and sticking up out of the ground about waist high for most ballplayers.

Granted, it would take a hefty poke to bring the posts into play. The nearest post is about 350 feet from home plate, but that is well within the range of the 16-to-18-year-old athletes wielding aluminum bats against the modern "live" base-

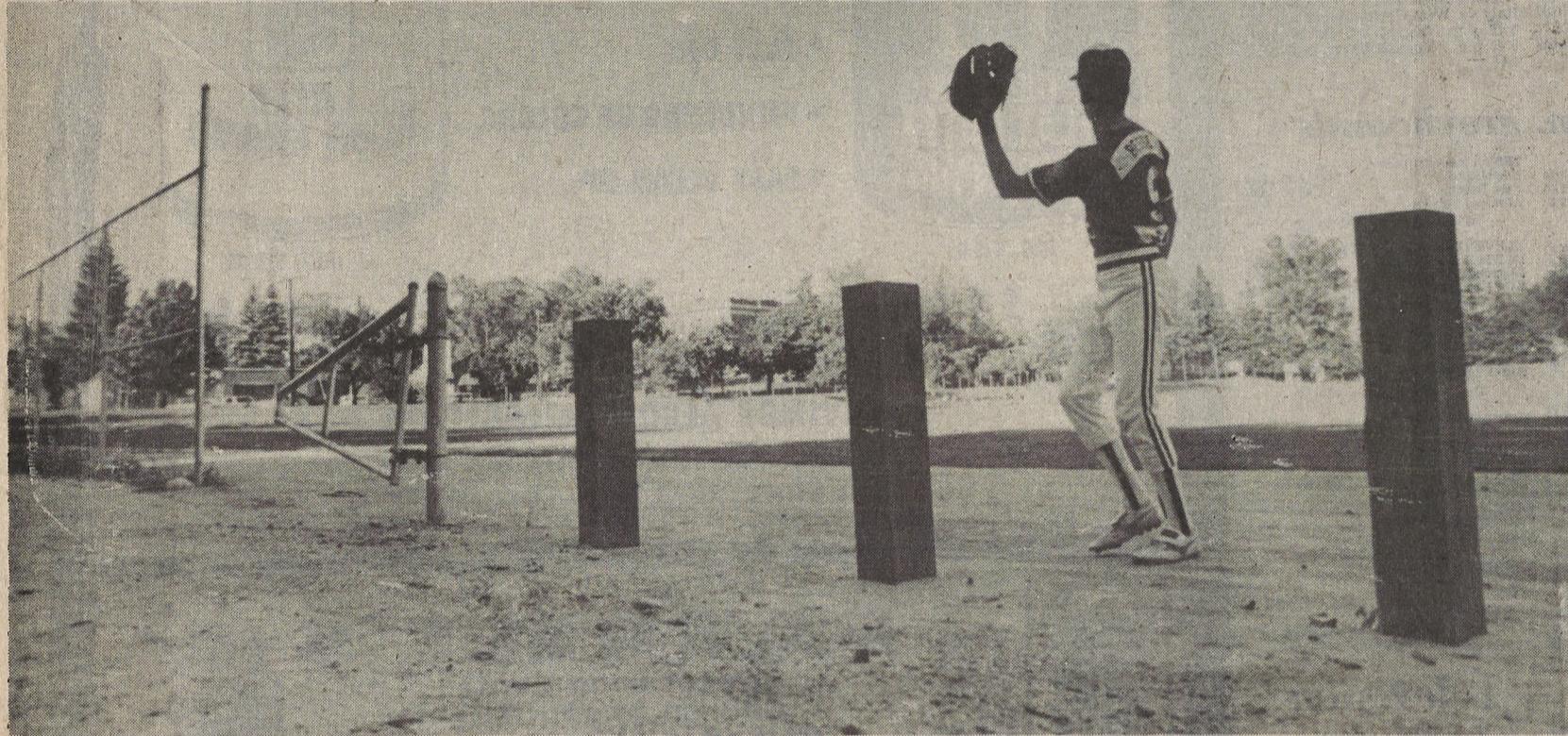
balls.

So far, luckily, nobody has been maimed chasing a ball through the posts. During Post 68's game against Bennington the other night, however, two balls were hit through the posts. Post 68 center fielder Matt Murphy said he and other center fielders are counting on their right field teammates to yell a warning when they get too close to the danger zone.

Murphy's father, Taconic High coach Don Murphy, said he is prepared to write a letter to city officials notifying them that, if his son is injured by slamming into the posts — or an adjacent iron gate that is equally dangerous — he will sue the city.

When he was notified yesterday of the growing protest against the posts, Hebert, a man of good sense, said city officials "should certainly review and reconsider" the issue.

It's nice to protect Clapp Park's precious track and grass, but it's more important to protect our young athletes. Take out the posts, and put in a fence. It will still protect the valuable property, and it won't rip up an outfielder's knee — or worse — and the injury won't cost the city the expensive lawsuit that is inevitable.



Bob McDonough

THE DANGER facing outfielders at Clapp Park is illustrated by Post 68 American Legion center fielder Matt Murphy of Pittsfield. Fence is at far left, then players confront an iron gate and wooden posts.

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Mayor favors using inmates in park jobs

Mayor Charles L. Smith said Wednesday he will act on a suggestion from Ward 2 Councilor Kenneth G. Warren Jr. to seek help with backed-up park maintenance chores from a work program for House of Correction inmates.

Smith said he had already spoken briefly with Sheriff Carmen C. Massimiano. "I'm going to be working with the sheriff on that," the mayor said.

He added that Pittsfield will probably find itself standing in a long line of communities requesting the free help.

The program, which started this month, allows prisoners to perform certain maintenance jobs on public property under the supervision of members of the sheriff's correctional staff.

Criteria established by Massimiano limit the time inmate crews may work in any one community to

five days, although a crew can return for another stint later.

At-large City Councilor James R. McCaffrey had opposed the Warren suggestion, asking rhetorically, "How do you sort out the child molesters, rapists and child abusers?"

Referring to McCaffrey's statement, Smith said, "Most of the guys here are not in for that sort of stuff. And no one is out on these programs unless he has pretty much straightened himself out."

The mayor added that House of Correction inmates have worked for the city in the past and that he has seen their work. "We've used them at Wahconah Park to set up the bleachers and the press box, and they're great."

Warren made his suggestion — and said he will ask his colleagues for others — after receiving complaints from constituents about uncut grass, missing tennis nets and missing swings in city parks.

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Pittsfield parks system falling on hard times

By Judy Katz

A sort of 5-o'clock shadow is stubbling Pittsfield's parks. Weeds and tufts of tall grass bristle around trees and jungle gyms and along fences. A toddler trots past the former Springside Park zoo and sings, "No animals, Mommy."

A bench has sides, but no seat. A swing set curtseys, one support pipe bent like a knee. Plastic baggies and crushed paper cups speckle fields. Until late summer, some parks remained unmown.

"Nobody feels like going into the parks anymore," says Park Commission Chairman Clifford J. Nilan.

Part of vanished era

Park maintenance people see the 20-park system, like the once-magnificent cottages of Lenox, as part of a gracious but vanished era. They suggest that it may be time to close the mansion and move into the gatekeeper's house, concentrating resources on a smaller park network and handing the remainder over to black-eyed Susans and Queen Anne's lace.

Ronald H. Spring, director of maintenance, hatched the proposal. "Let's look at the ones that are well used," he says. "Let's not just run around and mow and trim just because it's there; not just give a lick and a promise on everything."

Nilan and Community Services Director Vincent J. Hebert say it is being considered seriously, if without enthusiasm. Nilan calls it "the lesser of two evils." Ideally, he says, "I would like to see every park mowed and the equipment up."

Underlying the radical notion is a budget squeeze that began about four years ago and tightened under Proposition 2½. The parks maintenance staff dropped from a peak of 20-odd to six.

But what precipitated Spring's call to "rethink the parks" was rain. It rained a lot this spring and summer. Grass grew fast. Mowing fell behind. Although the dishevlement did not spark widespread public outcry, some people began complaining to their councilors and to the Park Commissioners. They,

in turn, complained to Spring.

Robert E. Bohlman, a park maintenance supervisor who has been with the parks for 36 years, says Proposition 2½ only accelerated trends already under way.

Physical deterioration started almost a decade ago, he says, because the park network expanded and the maintenance corps did not.

Between 1974 and 1979, the city acquired and developed the 2-acre Dorothy Amos playground on West Street, the 20-acre Marchisio Park on Dalton Division Road and the 260-acre Kirvin Park on Williams Street. It came close to adding the Camp Onota property on West Street as well.

The civilizing hand of Conservation Commission Chairman Franklin H. Controy transformed Wild Acres off South Mountain Road from wild acres to a labor-intensive recreation complex with lawns, a pond, a picnic pavilion and a softball field. The old pumping station

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A plan for Pittsfield's parks?

Pittsfield's public parks are an embarrassment of riches, with the emphasis on embarrassment. As Judy Katz's article in Monday's *Eagle* pointed out, the park system — but not the maintenance staff — grew substantially in the 1970s and then was hit by the full effect of Proposition 2½ budget cuts in the 1980s. In the wake of those cuts, upkeep of the parks has suffered visibly.

But something else has happened in the past decade. The same decline in Pittsfield's population of children that has led to the closing of so many schools has also reduced the public's use of park facilities. In the competition with other city services for a limited budget, maintaining all of the parks at the level that was standard in the early 1970s would be difficult to justify.

The field-hospital term for what is needed is triage, dividing up available resources in a way that recognizes that some facilities will end up with little more than benign neglect for "passive recreation." To a certain extent, this is happening already on an ad hoc basis. Frequently, playground equipment gets installed and grass gets mown on a squeaky-wheel basis. AUG 29 1984

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The problem with this approach is that those Pittsfielders who need the parks most, low-income families living in more congested neighborhoods, are often the least likely to be squeaky wheels. The city could be more certain that it is getting the best value from its parks-and-recreation dollar if it made a greater effort to find out what citizens' priorities are — especially in low-income areas. A typical question might be whether families with young children prefer supervised playgrounds over the T-ball league that the city sponsors.

Current use patterns should not be the main or only criterion for deciding which parks deserve the most attention. A park that is now virtually abandoned could become popular overnight, given the right maintenance or daily supervision. It is up to the city's Park Commission to make sure — through questionnaires, public hearings in the neighborhoods or whatever — that the city is making the best possible use of its limited parks budget.

In Brief . . .

Costly mowers

There is a footnote to today's editorial (above) about the problems of Pittsfield parks. Park Commission Chairman Clifford J. Nilan has said that the city would be able to hire students in the summer to do more mowing of parks and playgrounds if it were not for a state law mandating that municipal work of this sort be done at a "prevailing" (which usually means "union") wage. In this case, says Mr. Nilan, that would be \$13 an hour — a prohibitive rate for the city. But as costly and cumbersome as this law is for cities and towns, it has nonetheless had the consistent — and undeserved — support of Mayor Charles L. Smith. Representative Christopher Hodgkins of Lee has, to his credit, made valiant but unsuccessful efforts to repeal or modify it.



CHILDREN'S SWINGS hang in disrepair in Deming Park off Elm Street, victims not only of vandals but of budget reductions.

Pittsfield may 'rethink' its policy on park care

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on Pomeroy Avenue became Pomeroy Riverpark. New median strips on North and South streets and traffic islands were added to the maintenance load. Burbank Park at Onota Lake expanded.

I've seen things die'

Standards slipped. "I've seen a lot of things die," Bohlman says. At Springside Park, acre after acre was ceded to wilderness. "Years ago, that was a beautiful place. You could have walked all the way to Benedict Road, all on grass."

Bohlman says social change, symbolized by installation of deadbolts on doors that once stood unlocked, also affects the way parks are used and who uses them.

One effect, Nilan says, is that the budget-induced death of the supervised summer playground program cut attendance at parks such as Clapp, Common and Springside: "People won't let their children go there unsupervised."

Herbert Wyand Jr. of 32 Copley Terrace, one of the handful of people who complained to councilors about the state of the parks, recalls that "when I was young, the parks were the place to be. I was there from 9 in the morning until 7 at night. Now when I drive by, they seem inactive and dead — they just look sad."

Osceola, he says, looks abandoned. Bohlman says he is right. "That used to have good use," he says, but some time ago rough youngsters moved in "and boom, right away, nobody would let their kids go to the park."

Robert S. Mellace, a city planner and park patron, says he thinks fewer families use Onota Lake's Burbank Park because of cutbacks in park police. "I think they see kids hanging out, drinking, stereos blasting and say, 'I'm not going to jeopardize my kids.'"

Bohlman said he has watched attendance at the lakefront parks decline over the years. But he says the falloff coincides with the proliferation of back-yard swimming pools and the construction of the YMCA's Ponterill pool club.

Comments by people interviewed in parks bolster Bohlman's argument. The reaction of a woman who decried the lack of municipal swimming pools was typical: "The lakes — ugh." Even Mellace says that when he took a poll, many respondents said they avoid the lakes because of poor water quality and a "mucky bottom."

But disuse of one park can be laid squarely to a park police shortage. Controy locked the gate to Wild Acres, the park he developed virtually single-handedly, because it no longer has a full-time guard.

"It's a shame," he says. "I had to close it last year, too."

People can hike in, but the gate admits cars only when the picnic pavilion is rented. The rental includes a guard fee. Without a guard, Controy says, "People get in there with cars and they'll tear the place down."

Spring has already set informal maintenance priorities based on high visibility (Park Square, the Common, Clapp) or heavy use — which, according to Spring, is synonymous with playing fields. "You've got to keep up the ball fields," he says.

Politics also sets priorities.

The end of the supervised summer playground program means no playground is officially "open," according to Spring. Swings, seesaws and the like that had been taken down at season's end are being replaced on an "ask, and ye shall receive" basis. "The only place we have put them back is where people — councilors, neighbors or anyone — have called and asked," he says.

When a councilor called Spring to complain that Allen Heights Park had not been mowed all summer and the grass was waist-high, Spring was surprised. "I didn't even know it was there," he says.

He took over direction of park maintenance last year in a city government reorganization which abolished the former parks and recreation department and shifted Hebert, who was parks department supervisor, into the community services slot.

Once discovered, Allen Heights was mowed with a vengeance. Aldo Polastri of 207 Allendale Ave. says the mower came four to five times in three weeks. But, he says he was distressed to see it being done at 6:30 or 7 at night.

Spring defends using overtime. "Instead of hiring a lot of summer people, I hired a few and hired the people from public works who drive those big tractors," he says. He says most parks can be mown most efficiently by tractors pulling gang mowers or large rotary mowers.

"These people are qualified operators. I felt I get more done hiring them two or three nights a week than I would with probably a dozen people or so mowing by hand. If you hire somebody for the summer, you can't put them on a tractor."

Nilan says he and Mayor Charles L. Smith talked about hiring an army of students to mow and trim every park once a week all summer long. But, he says, "it couldn't be done."

The proposed program fell under state Department of Labor and Industries "prevailing wage" contract regulations, Nilan said. "We would have to pay them \$13 an hour."

That is more than the pay of permanent park laborers. Appeals for a waiver failed, he says, adding, "I don't see why we can't hire at a reasonable rate. Nothing made sense."

Spring says the city's taxpayers have to make choices. "People have to decide what they want," he says. "Do you want the parks back? Or do you just want a nice landscaped piece of property to look at?"

People interviewed in parks by The Eagle, or contacted because they relayed park complaints to city of-



PARK BENCH, minus wooden slats, stands in silent testimony to park deterioration. Location is the Common off First Street.

ficials, say that what they want is to have the good old days back. Those who offered criticism (many park patrons had none) call for clean, manicured parks with recreation programs. Some even have suggestions for paying the bill.

Mellace focuses on Burbank Park. "It should be one of the premier parks in the city," he says.

He says he would be willing "to pay a few bucks" as an entrance fee to underwrite first-class facilities.

A per-car fee for Burbank was discussed and discarded a year ago. As Bohlman puts it, "you must maintain places for people who can't afford it."

Wyand, who mourned the inactivity at Osceola, sums up the views of many park patrons when he says he wants supervised playground programs, although "I don't know where the money is going to come from. It may be somebody's job to find out."

He does have one suggestion: "If they can have a lottery for other things, why can't they have one for the parks?"

Polastri is one of a sizable group who believe the money is there and is being withheld to punish the taxpayers.

"When Proposition 2½ was voted in, they tried their best to attack children in any way possible," he says. "They figured if they don't give children anything to do, they'll complain to their parents" — and induce taxpayers to rescind the tax limitation.

"In my opinion, they didn't have to do away with the programs," he says. "I don't want Proposition 2½ reversed. It's the best thing that's ever happened in this state. Eliminate the waste and they'd have money for the parks."

Some who agree with Polastri ask why the city still has a \$25,000 recreation director although the bulk of the recreation programs have folded. The director, John C. Marchesi, was retained when the departments were reorganized although management consultants Cresap, McCormick & Paget recommended doing away with the job.

In an attempt to stretch maintenance dollars, the city appealed for volunteers to "adopt a park." But Spring says that in many cases, adoption is confined to a spring cleanup.

Neighborhood groups or individuals have taken over the West Street cemetery and median strips that give residential streets dubbed "parkway" their names, he says, and a group that adopted the Common even painted playground equipment.

But, he says, most people who want spiffy parks do not want to make it a do-it-yourself project.

One man called up, he remembers, to demand, "When are you going to mow [the island on] Ensign Avenue?" — adding, in the same breath, "and I don't want to adopt a park, either."

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Park board reaffirms curfew, weighs diamond improvements

The Park Commission last night reaffirmed an existing curfew at city parks and discussed sprucing up the Little League baseball diamond at the rear of Clapp Park.

Under an existing ordinance, the parks must close one hour after sunset, said Vincent J. Hebert, director of community services. The commission will recommend to the Police Department that the curfew be enforced. The City Council made a similar recommendation June 26.

The curfew is mainly directed toward Pontoosuc and Burbank parks, Hebert said. For several years there have been complaints from surrounding residents about large beer parties and loud music occurring in the two parks after hours, he said.

"One hour after sunset is a very reasonable curfew," said commission member Anthony G. Massimiano.

In another matter, it was reported that the West Little League will present plans at the commission's next meeting Oct. 1 to rebuild the baseball field at Clapp Park. The field was dug up when a drainage system was installed there last year. A representative of the league, David Filippi, said last night that an architect has volunteered to design a plan for a new field, dugouts and a concession stand.

At the Oct. 1 meeting the panel also plans to discuss with Maintenance Director Ronald L. Spring the possibility of extending water and power lines into the park. The water line now goes as far as the skiing area but might be extended to the concession stand, Hebert said. The water would be used for drinking, irrigation and flooding for winter skating, he said.

The park is also used by American Legion and Babe Ruth teams and by the Pittsfield High School baseball and track teams.

The commission plans to examine, at the Council's request, a proposal to charge non-Pittsfield residents an entry fee to Pontoosuc and Burbank parks. According to Park Commission Chairman Clifford J. Nilan, Ward 5 City Councilor Paul M. Sottile said that one day this summer he observed that most of the people using the two parks

and their beaches were non-residents.

The City Council recommended a \$3 parking fee and asked the commission to make its own recommendation within four months.

Hebert said that it may be illegal to single out non-residents because the parks have been improved with federal money and that, if a charge is levied, everyone might have to pay it. The commission voted to

consult the city solicitor for an answer.

Finally, Hebert said high school football games are causing wear and tear at Wahconah Park. When all three high schools have games there on the same day, they rip up the turf and cause a "mud bowl," he said. Hebert and Nilan said they will meet with John C. Davis, superintendent of schools, to discuss better scheduling and policing of the games.

Sottile opens drive to improve municipal parks in Ward 5

By Judy Katz

Branding the number and condition of recreation areas available to residents of his ward as "unacceptable," Ward 5 Councilor Paul M. Sottile has launched a campaign to upgrade Ward 5 parks by reallocating \$300,000 now earmarked for developing downtown pedestrian plazas.

"We are all keenly aware of the effects of Proposition 2 1/2," Sottile wrote in a proposal he presented to the Park Commission Monday. "However, we must meet the challenge to preserve what has traditionally been a highly valued priority."

Sottile voted with the majority of the City Council early this summer to set aside \$300,000 of the city's Community Development Block Grant to reconstruct Liberty and Dunham malls downtown and create a new City Hall plaza.

But the councilor said he supported the plan only because he believed federal regulations barred using the money to upgrade neighborhood parks.

Now, he said, he believes park redevelopment in Ward 5 would be eligible for block grant funding. He produced 1979 statistics showing that the parks he is targeting for work lie in census tracts in which family income is below the city average.

Although the problem of park deterioration is citywide, he said, "I, as the representative of Ward 5, have as my primary obligation the welfare of the Southwest quadrant of the city."

On paper, he said, Ward 5 has seven parks. But he said only two, Clapp Park and Lebanon Playground, are available for recreation on a daily basis. Both of those need

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Further information about these

programs and registration for them

is available from Paula Virgilio, the

school's coordinator.

he said, "and they should be more available."

Wild Acres has "the greatest potential of any city-owned facility," Sottile said. But the park has been closed except on those weekends when a group has rented the picnic pavilion. The rental includes the cost of hiring a park guard, and the Conservation Commission, which owns Wild Acres, is not willing to open the area without a guard.

Sottile called for transferring Wild Acres from the Conservation Commission to the Park Commission.

To make Wild Acres, located off South Mountain Road, more accessible, Sottile advocated working with the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority to see if an existing bus

route can be extended to link Wild Acres and downtown.

Parks should rank right behind such necessities as fire and police protection, education, sewers and water on the city's priority list, Sottile said. He said Council President Angelo C. Stracuzzi is working out a plan to add between \$75,000 and \$100,000 to the budget for park maintenance, and commented that "spending money to update parks is senseless if they can't be maintained."

If Pittsfield's parks continue to decline because of budget strictures, Sottile said, "it will require such a large sum to bring them back that I don't think they will ever be a priority."

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After-school courses offered at Morningside

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Sports and courses for children and adults will be offered after school at Morningside Community School, starting this week. The courses include first aid, crafts and cooking.

The Youth Basketball Association, which is organized by the YMCA, will play after school on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

The Morningside after school sports program will be held Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and will begin with touch football. The instructors are Morningside 5th grade teachers, Robert O'Connor and Tom Cowlin.

The Red Cross will offer two first aid courses. Health and Safety for Primary Grades will be held for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders. Basic First Aid will be held for 4th and 5th graders.

Joy Harrington of the Girls' Club will teach a gymnastics course for girls and boys on Fridays. The Girls' Club will hold a cooking and sewing class on Tuesdays. Frank Monterossa will teach an arts and crafts program on Fridays, in cooperation with the Parks and Recreation Department.

The Adult Education Department will offer classes in jazz exercise, quilting, ceramics and knitting. There will also be mixed volleyball for adults Fridays from 7 to 9 p.m.

Further information about these

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Wrong priorities

While it's unfortunate that parks in Pittsfield have taken such a shellacking from Proposition 2 1/2, robbing Peter to pay Paul isn't much of a solution. Ward 5 Councilor Paul Sottile's proposal to upgrade the parks in his own district with the \$300,000 in federal block grants that are now earmarked for downtown pedestrian plazas would torpedo a program of citywide benefit in favor of a few neighborhoods. As it happens, moreover, the principal focus of Mr. Sottile's concern — Clapp Park — is one of a small number of parks in the city that have suffered very little from the municipal belt-tightening of the past two years. His notion of embellishing it with such facilities as tennis courts "and perhaps even a swimming pool" belongs on a back burner.

OCT 15 1984 Miss Lynne-Anne Daley marries Clifford J. Nilan

Miss Lynne-Anne Daley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Daley of 96 Gravesleigh Terrace, became the bride yesterday of Clifford James Nilan. He is the son of Mrs. Rita A. Nilan of 263 Second St. and the late Roger J. Nilan.

The Rev. Francis E. Walsh, the bride's cousin, performed the 2 o'clock ceremony at St. Teresa's Church. Also officiating were the Rev. John J. Varley, the Rev. Thomas B. Begley, the Rev. John J. Brennan and Brother Joachim Froelich, president of St. Anselm College, Manchester, N.H.

A reception followed at Wahconah Country Club, Dalton.

The bride wore her mother's gown of candlelight silk organza over silk taffeta and peau de soie, accented with Alencon lace and seed pearl appliques. Her veil fell from a headpiece of pearls and silk flowers. She carried cream roses, glamellias, stephanotis, ivy and lavender chrysanthemums.

Miss Therese D. Panfil was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were the Misses Mary H. Wissmann and Gretchen S. Lorig.

The honor attendant wore a tissue taffeta dress of dusty violet. The bridesmaids wore similar dresses in shades of teal and slate blue. They each carried lavender chrysanthemums with ivy.

Roger J. Nilan was best man for his brother. Ushers were Berkshire County Sheriff Carmen C. Massimiano, John A. Mattoon, Edmund E. Kozloski and Francis E. Daley, the bride's brother.

After a honeymoon in the Carib-



Sharstrand
Mrs. Clifford J. Nilan

bean, the couple will live on Somerset Avenue.

Mrs. Nilan, a reporter for The Berkshire Eagle, was graduated from Pittsfield High School and the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind., with a bachelor of arts degree in American studies.

Mr. Nilan, chief probation officer for the Berkshire Superior Court, is also a graduate of Pittsfield High School. He received a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from St. Anselm College and a master's degree in counseling from Boston College.

Philip V. Nicola

Philip Victor Nicola, 60, of 1270 North St. died yesterday at his home.

Born June 24, 1924, in Pittsfield, son of Maria Mancini Nicola Pellizzari and the late Luigi Nicola, he was a graduate of Pittsfield High School. He was a World War II Navy veteran.

Mr. Nicola was employed by the Pittsfield Department of Parks and Recreation for 34 years, retiring June 27, 1980. He was a communicant of Mount Carmel Church.

Besides his mother in Pittsfield, he leaves his wife, the former Teresa Hugebone, with whom he celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary Sept. 14; two sons, David P. and Philip V. Nicola Jr., both of Pittsfield; two daughters, Mrs. Linda Costigan and Ms. Phyllis Nicola, both of Pittsfield; a brother, Armando Nicola of Pittsfield; a sister, Mrs. Adelaide Demary of Pittsfield, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The funeral will be Tuesday morning at 8:15 from the Bencivenga-Dagnoli Funeral Home with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 9 at Mount Carmel Church. Burial will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Calling hours at the funeral home will be Monday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9.

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Questions raised on future of parks

Acting on a proposal from City Council President Angelo C. Stracuzzi, the Pittsfield City Council posed an open-ended question Tuesday night to virtually everyone in the city with an interest in the park system: If you had \$250,000 to spend on major park improvements, what would you do with it?

Coupled with that was a related question directed to Mayor Charles L. Smith and Director of Maintenance Ronald H. Spring: How much money would it take to maintain those improvements?

The Council voted 10-1, with At-large Councilor James R. McCaffrey opposed, to ask that Smith and Community Development Commissioner William J. Angelo earmark \$250,000 of the city's Community Development Block Grant for Council-approved major park renovations.

Spending the money would be authorized only after the Parks Commission, the mayor, the Council, Spring, Director of Community Services Vincent J. Hebert and "other interested parties" developed a capital outlay plan.

DEC 15 1984 Stracuzzi outlines his plan for revitalizing city parks

By Margaret Pantridge

City Council President Angelo C. Stracuzzi on Tuesday will ask Council to vote on a plan for revitalizing Pittsfield parks and playgrounds.

In a telephone interview last night, Stracuzzi said he will push for both capital improvements and better maintenance. He will ask for the vote in three parts, he said. They will be commitments to fund:

— At least three new park maintenance jobs;

— At least \$250,000 in capital improvements using federal community development funds.

— Additional park police and summer recreational supervisors.

The labor costs would probably add up to no more than \$100,000 and would come from general funds, he said. The Council will have a chance to reconsider the vote during budget deliberations in the spring, he said.

Stracuzzi said he has visited 17 parks in the past two months in preparing his recommendations. His written proposal lists improvements he would like to see at each park. He stressed that he would not expect his preferences to be adopted in full.

Stracuzzi delved into the parks is-

sue after objecting two months ago to Community Development Commissioner William J. Angelo's proposal to reconstruct Liberty Mall on North Street, close off Allen Street in front of City Hall and refurbish the Dunham Mall. Angelo wanted the three projects to be built in harmony with the design theme used at Sotille Park diagonally across North Street. The price tag was about \$300,000, which would come from the community development budget.

"That seemed like an awful lot of money to revitalize three downtown parks," Stracuzzi said.

He emphasized that in his list of suggestions, he included less extensive improvements at Liberty Mall and Park Square.

Stracuzzi said the city should consider selling parks that are not used or maintained. He declined to identify any of those parks.

Stracuzzi said the money for capital improvements could either come out of next year's projected \$1.3 million community development budget, or out of funds remaining unspent in the till this year. Currently, he said about \$65,000 remains in a contingency fund, \$100,000 has been allotted for Lib-

Forms available for summer jobs

The Department of Recreation has announced that application blanks are available for summer employment on the playgrounds, special needs playground and beaches.

The number of jobs available depends on the 1985-86 budget, which has not yet been approved.

Persons wishing to apply for jobs may contact the Department of Recreation office at 874 North St.

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An untimely exercise in bigotry

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

On Monday, the day before Christmas, when good will traditionally prevails, readers of *The Eagle* were treated to an unsigned editorial saturated with meanness. "Crying wolf at the creche" is a bigoted outpouring that belongs with other similarly ignoble attempts to sway public opinion.

Those in Berkshire County who oppose the creche on Park Square have made no public protest. We have kept an uneasy silence and borne our anger and resentment in private until *The Eagle* strove — on Christmas Eve — to stir up public sentiment against us.

Perhaps the editors feel guilty about previous similar attempts to justify what cannot be justified. Or perhaps they feel that smear tactics against *The Eagle's* "enemies" — I am proud to be one of them — result in public admiration of its position. Or perhaps *The Eagle* is simply a smug, self-appointed guardian of (Christian) public mo-

rality in what unbiased historians tell us is a non-sectarian society.

I may be a lawyer, but I have not litigated against creches. And yet *The Eagle* would libel me or anyone like me who dares speak up against a blatantly religious symbol on public property as "an earnest civil libertarian" making "foolish arguments" and hence doing "real damage to public support for the Bill of Rights." This is yellow journalism and *The Eagle* owes all its readers — Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, Hindu, Moslem, Confucian, agnostic or atheist — an apology.

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Where are the equivalent symbols of the other great religions of the world? Do they sit, spot-lit, on public land for weeks every year? Or are they not exhibited in the religious sanctuaries and homes of their observants — where they rightfully belong? Why cannot a creche be placed on the front lawn of one of the two churches that face

Park Square, if a public creche scene in the center of town is critical to a celebration of Christmas? And surely *The Eagle* cannot assert that the holiday would be a failure if a life-sized nativity scene were not exhibited in Park Square.

There had been no public controversy over the offensive creche in Park Square until *The Eagle*, without any local provocation, branded all opponents as "silly" and creches and school prayers as "harmless." "Most sensible people" do not regard issues of creches and school prayers to be "chasing after phantoms," but are perplexed by the insistence of some Christians on obtaining government support for public religious observances. The most religious people this writer knows practice their religion quietly and privately. I challenge the self-righteous editors of *The Eagle* to do the same.

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four-to-five-year master plan that could cost up to \$250,000.

Nevertheless, the mayor said the summer park program he envisions will not be a perfect reflection of the past, when 21 different parks — complete with staff — went into full swing each summer.

Instead, seven to eight parks in different quadrants of the city will most likely host a scaled-down version of the former summer program.

"I don't expect that any department will ever be the same and it shouldn't be," Smith said, adding that he has no intention of leading the city back to its pre-Proposition 2½ days. "There was a lot of fat then," he said.

Schools a priority

With basic services such as police, fire protection and public works stabilized, Smith said, he is now ready to make the city's public school system another priority in 1985.

He congratulated school administrators and teachers for "taking the bull by the horns" when many people predicted that local education would be seriously hampered by cuts to the department.

In spite of the reduced numbers of teachers, Smith said, Pittsfield children are still receiving "a great education," and he looks forward to working closely with the Pittsfield School Committee and administrators to build the "best public education system we can in the city of Pittsfield."

Specifically, the mayor said he will continue to follow and support bills before the legislature and governor that are designed to "upgrade education" throughout the state.

Finally, Smith said his last major "resolution" for 1985 is to see at least one newly-constructed building on Parcel 3. Since a Holyoke construction firm has already announced intentions to build a 150 unit state-aided housing project there, it looks as though the mayor's resolution has fairly even chances of coming true.

Although the reorganization of city government was just about completed by the middle of this year, results are already beginning to add up, Smith said.

Under the direction of Lawrence A. Grizey Jr., assistant to the

mayor for administration and finance, City Hall is now serving the public in a more efficient way, he said.

According to Smith, great strides have been taken in the data processing area, in emergency services through the new 911 emergency phone number, in a new snow emergency ordinance and through coordinated purchasing efforts by one office. The measures were implemented to save money, improve efficiency and be more responsive to the general public, he said.

The mayor said that the Pittsfield Central City Development Committee, which he established to "get things moving downtown," has done just that.

Along with the Bank of Boston renovation, several other developers are now inquiring about office space, apartments, restaurants, condominiums, hotels and stores, Smith said.

Apparently, the "piecemeal" approach to downtown revitalization is the only approach destined to succeed, he said, adding that the committee will have to "masterplan" the approach in some way.

Success in one area can lead the way toward success in another, he said. For example, the proposal to improve the city's drinking water system also includes plans to equalize water pressure throughout the city.

At 85 pounds

Some sections of Pittsfield now have only 15 pounds of water pressure, while others have 150 pounds, the mayor said. The new system will equalize all pressure at 85 pounds, and insure any prospective business with plans to locate anywhere in the city that it can provide enough pressure for a sprinkler system.

Finally, Smith said the city has successfully disposed of nearly all its closed buildings, and the structures are back on the tax rolls. Only Briggs and Bartlett schools remain, and developer Ernest Baldasare of West Stockbridge is in the process of doing a feasibility study on both.

Smith said the city's accomplishments during 1984 are the result of a solid partnership among the mayor, the City Council, city employees and the people of Pittsfield. As the end of the year approaches, the mayor said, it was time for him to say "thank you."

Pittsfield's Mayor Smith bullish on the city's future

By Donna B. Mattoon

Mayor Charles L. Smith, who led the city through its tough adjustment to Proposition 2½ and through a seemingly endless effort toward downtown revitalization, economic growth and clean drinking water, appeared to be a satisfied man yesterday.

At a press conference held at his office to discuss the state of the city at year's end, Smith said that for the first time in a long time, "Pittsfield had a great year."

In fact, 1984 was one of the city's finest, he said, adding that he looks forward to "better years yet to come."

"The past years have been difficult. That is no longer the case," Smith said in a generally upbeat ad-

dress that included both a list of accomplishments during the past years and major goals for the next.

Essentially, after a four-year effort, Pittsfield has received the go-ahead from the state on its proposed Krofta drinking water treatment system. Plans are formalized and bids are out.

Also, he said, after more than 20 years of false starts and hopes, the revitalization of North Street has apparently begun with the renovation of the Bank of Boston building; the Taconic Business Park is a "huge success," and the new Westwood Business Center at the Pittsfield Airport is "well under way."

Access to the business center through the Airport Connector Road will open up many more acres for

industrial use as well, Smith said.

In addition, the city completed more than \$2 million worth of road reconstruction projects during the past year, and minor league baseball is returning to Pittsfield.

"We are finally seeing the light at the end of a long tunnel," the mayor said.

Included in his goals is a plan to resurrect the city's summer parks program — a Proposition 2½ casualty that Smith said he has "always felt badly about."

Working through the City Council's normal budget process, Smith said his intentions for the parks may ultimately materialize in a

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Onota Lake improvements

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By Ted Giddings

LOOK NOW before it's blanketed with snow, and you'll see a brand new boat ramp at Burbank Park at Onota Lake, about 100 feet north of the fishing pier. It replaces the former one that was too close to the pier, causing boats to tangle with fishing lines.

The ramp is just one of the major improvements made while the lake was drawn down this fall to its lowest level in many years. The drawdown permitted repair of the wornout gate at the lake outlet and installation of a new screen there. Also, water and sewer lines were laid to the Frank Controy Pavilion that is being readied by the man for whom it was named for use during the skating season and winter carnival.

He is Franklin H. Controy, although nearly everyone calls him Frank, especially when they want something done or wish to complain. He is the unpaid longtime (14 years) chairman and member (24 years) of the Pittsfield Conservation Commission.

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He spearheaded the effort to get the new ramp but credits others with obtaining the funds and constructing it. He mentions specifically state Rep. Robert F. Jakubowicz and state Sen. Peter C. Webber for getting the necessary \$20,000 appropriation inserted as a line item in the supplementary budget.

"The item was approved," Frank explained, "but the money was allocated to the Public Access Board. We've been in touch with them, however, and we are going to get it back all right."

He said city employees did "a

swell job" in building the concrete ramp that extends beyond the blacktopped surface so that people will be able to step right into their boats without having to wade through the water.

Referring to the ramp and other lake projects, he said he didn't know what he would do without "the help of the Public Works and Public Buildings departments."

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What he would do is what he always has been doing: putting in a full volunteer day in the municipal service. In summer he spends much of his time at Wild Acres, the city recreational area and pond off South Mountain Road, but right now you're most apt to find him at the Frank Controy Pavilion.

He's putting in a suspended ceiling, using panels he "scrounged" from the Bank of Boston's North Street building project and from Marland Mold Co.

Look around and you'll find other items, including electric and gas stoves and a refrigerator he acquired without benefit of city funds (but don't ask too many questions).

"Sometimes," he says, "you have to do a little finagling to get what you want."

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Frank Controy inspects the new boat ramp at Burbank Park at Onota Lake

Joel Librizzi

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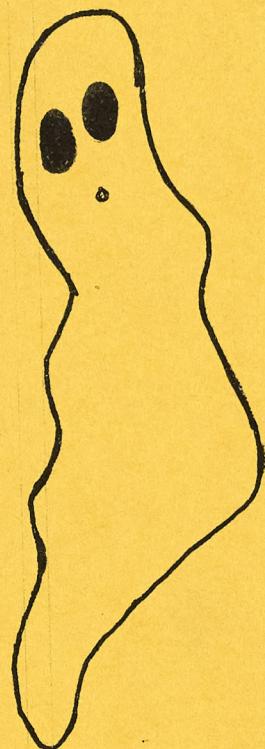
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Mayor Smith appoints Grizey to succeed Sarro

By Linda Carmen
Lawrence A. Grizey Jr., longtime city director of administrative services, will be proposed as the city's director of administration and finance, succeeding Nicholas J. Sarro, who is retiring at the end of the month.

Mayor Charles L. Smith is submitting Grizey's appointment to the City Council which meets Tuesday.

Smith's choice for Grizey's replacement as director of administrative services is William S.

Ballen, whose appointment will also be submitted to the Council.

Ballen has been vice principal and community school coordinator at Morningside Community School for the past six years.

Grizey was confirmed by the Council on Dec. 27 as part-time city treasurer, to succeed retiring City Clerk Francis J. Condron. He will continue in that post as well as the new one.

Sarro was city auditor until that title was eliminated in the reorganization recommended by the city's

management consultants, Cresap, McCormick & Page.

The director of administration and finance, one of the city's key officials, heads the department of administration and finance. The department includes the offices of tax collector, treasurer, assessor, administrative services (which includes data processing), purchasing agent and city accountant.

The director is chief budget officer, supervises all financial and administrative activities, advises the mayor on fiscal policy, manages the

retirement fund, all city investments and city borrowings, and prepares financial reports.

Mayor Smith said he feels "very confident and comfortable about Larry Grizey going in and taking over the department."

He has a lot of experience and his ability to deal with people.

Smith said Ballen's job will include handling all negotiations for the city, civil service, employee problems and grievances, and data processing.

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Council names committee lineup

City councilors have been given their Council committee assignments for the next two years and named to seats reserved for Council members on assorted government boards and commissions.

Council President Angelo C. Stracuzzi sets the committee lineup. The board appointments are made by Mayor Charles L. Smith. But under a working arrangement with Stracuzzi, the mayor allows Stracuzzi to compile the list of nominees after polling councilors for their preferences.

Stracuzzi named Ward 3 Councilor Norman W. Cheever Jr. as Council

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vice president.

The key Committee on Finance, which handles all questions primarily involving money, is traditionally chaired by the Council president. Other members are Cheever, At-large Councilors James R. McCaffrey and Peter G. Arlos, and Ward 7 Councilor Cynthia L. Bettters.

Cheever, who held the same post last year, was named chairman of the Community and Economic Development Committee, which is the Council's watchdog over the Office of Community and Economic Development and OCED's budget of approximately \$2 million. Other members are Mrs. Bettters, Ward 4 Councilor Mary E. Ausman and two Council freshmen — At-large Councilor Imelda C. LaMountain and Ward 5 Councilor Paul M. Sottile.

A third workhorse committee, Ordinances and Rules, also has the same chairman as last year — Ward 2 Councilor Kenneth G. Warren Jr. Warren is studying law, and the committee hammers out the wording of new ordinances in conjunction with the city solicitor. Members are McCaffrey and the newly elected Ward 1 Councilor Caroline M. Bresnahan.

Mrs. Ausman retains the chairmanship of the former Committee on Public Works, now the Committee on Public Works and Utilities. Among its duties are selecting streets for repair. Serving with Mrs. Ausman will be Warren, Ward 6 Councilor Willard N. Stockton, Sottile and Ms. Bresnahan.

Mrs. Bettters was named chairman of the Committee on Public Safety and Health. Members are Stockton and Arlos. Stockton will chair the Committee on Public Buildings and Maintenance, which also includes Mrs. Ausman and Ms. LaMountain.

Commission spots

Council representatives on city boards and commissions are: Water Commission, Cheever; Cable Television Commission, Sottile and Warren; Traffic Commission, Mrs. Ausman; Closed Buildings, Cheever and Stockton; Sewer Commission, Sottile, and Resource Recovery Commission, McCaffrey.

Warren will continue as Council liaison to the School Committee. Ms. Bresnahan will serve with the Parks, Conservation and Group Homes commissions, Mrs. Bettters with the Public Housing Commission and the Health Advisory Board, and Ms. LaMountain with the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission.

Mrs. Bettters and McCaffrey were also named to the Council's Human Services Advisory Commission.

Petricca submits low bid for Barker Rd. sewer line

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Petricca Construction Co. submitted the apparent low bid to construct a sewer line along Barker Road, the first of a series of sewer, water and road improvements planned to open the limited industrial district at the Pittsfield airport to development.

The Petricca bid was \$71,271. Ten firms from Connecticut and New York State as well as Massachusetts bid on the project. Community Development Commissioner William J. Angelo said it was the broadest response the Office of Community and Economic Development has ever received to a bid solicitation. He surmised that the project's timing explained the heavy interest. The project is due to start by May 1 and finish early in the construction season.

All bids were taken under advisement until the city Department of Public Works engineers can check them for consistency with the speci-

fications.

The project includes the laying of 3,150 feet of 8-inch pipe along Barker Road from the existing sewer line to South Mountain Road, 250 feet of 6-inch pipe and 200 feet of lateral connections. A 1,470-foot section of 4-inch pipe will be extended into the Wild Acres recreation area off South Mountain Road to solve a long-standing sewage disposal problem there.

Other bidders were:

C&G Contractors, Ludlow, \$114,675; Maxymillian Construction Co., \$118,795; F&J Construction Co., Ludlow, \$120,930; Mackin Construction Co., Greenfield, \$134,770; Ray Darling, Gloversville, N.Y., \$139,935; Stockbridge Construction, Hinsdale, \$144,336; Brewer & Horan, Bloomfield, Conn., \$146,180; Goncalves & Sons, Ludlow, \$174,200, and Glenn Construction Co., Manchester, Conn., \$239,015.

150 opponents speak out on school closing proposal

By Grier Horner

Crosby Middle School shouldn't be converted to an elementary school, speakers from a crowd of about 150 opponents of the proposal told the school administration last night.

While objections to the plan, which includes closing Pomeroy School on West Housatonic Street, were strenuous, they came from a crowd notably smaller than the group of 500 that turned out for a hearing on the same subject a year ago.

Speakers at the public hearing at Crosby said the plan advanced by School Superintendent John C. Davis would damage the quality of education at the middle schools by

overcrowding the two that would be left.

In addition, they argued that too many children had been shuffled from one school to another by the series of closings caused by Proposition 2½ and dwindling enrollments.

"This is the third time you've ripped a school out from under my kids," is the way one mother in the audience put it.

Deck of cards

"We really feel like a deck of cards," said Crosby student Cheryl Maselli of 20 Franklin St.

"Enough is really enough," said Crosby math teacher Vicki Passier.

Douglas McNally, principal of Reid Middle School, said the Crosby

plan would have "a very negative effect" on his school and Herberg Middle School.

Reid and Herberg would take the students who now go to Crosby. That would boost enrollment at both from the current 700 level to the 860 level next year. According to projections, however, the numbers would drop down to the 775 level the following year.

In light of the lower enrollment involved if the plan is postponed until September 1985, McNally strongly recommended waiting instead of trying to do it this coming September.

McNally and other speakers said

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'Flexible' hours urged for City Hall

The City Council unanimously went on record last night in favor of "flexible hours" at City Hall and asked the mayor to negotiate a change with city unions — although "flexible" means different things to different councilors.

At-large Councilor Peter G. Arlos, who put forward the proposal, wants to keep City Hall open an extra hour until 5 by having some employees work the present 8:30 to 4 hours and some work 9:30 to 5. Ward 2 Councilor Kenneth G. Warren Jr. suggested that the offices stay open late one or two evenings a week, such as Thursdays, when people are most likely to be downtown.

City Council President Angelo C. Stracuzzi said those who complain to him want City Hall open earlier in the morning, not later in the afternoon.

But the Council has no power to set the hours, City Solicitor Edward M. Reilly told them. He said councilors can state their preference, but "only the mayor can decide what to implement."

And, he said, the state Supreme Judicial Court has ruled that any change in hours is a mandatory subject of labor negotiations. Since contract negotiations with city unions will begin soon, he said, the opportunity to discuss hours is at hand.

Until 1980, City Hall was open from 8 to 4 in the three summer months and from 9 to 5 the rest of the year. That year, city workers — who like the earlier closing time — lobbied through their unions to make the 4 p.m. closing permanent.

Their proposal did include one schedule adjustment. Instead of working 8 to 4 with an hour for lunch, they suggested an 8:30 to 4 workday with a half-hour for lunch.

Mayor Charles L. Smith granted the union's request "on a trial basis" on Aug. 25, 1980, and the trial never ended. In fact, Reilly told the Council, the new hours are now specified in the contract with at least one city union, the engineers' local.

By Judy Katz

Charging that the mayor has made the City Council a "scapegoat," Council President Angelo C. Stracuzzi last night led a rebellion in which eight of the 10 councilors present voted to table the mayor's entire slate of department head appointments.

Stracuzzi ceded the chair to Ward 2 Councilor Kenneth G. Warren Jr. to denounce the mayor for failing to give the Council advance notice of his decision to keep an unchanged administrative lineup for the next two years and for implying, in public comments, that Council pressure forced him to keep some less-than-ideal administrators.

"It appeared via the press comments quoting the mayor that the Council is being used as a scapegoat," Stracuzzi said.

"I think the mayor should take full responsibility for these appointments. They're his by the charter, not ours."

He stressed that he is not criticizing the appointees — "these people are in the middle," he said.

Implying that he fully expects the mayor to resubmit the same names at the next Council meeting, Stracuzzi said that when that happens it will demonstrate clearly "that these are his appointments, the people he wants to manage this city."

Stracuzzi said the Council was also upset because its members learned that the mayor had made his no-change decision when they read about it in the newspaper or heard about it on the radio. The list of names, several councilors said, had not been included in the packets of information they receive with their agendas several days before a meeting.

No changes

Mayor Smith announced Friday that there would be no top-echelon changes in City Hall, even though some department heads, he said, have not been as responsive to the public as he would like.

He said talks with city councilors had revealed that he did not have the votes to make changes. "It's apparent to me that the City Council would like to retain everyone as they are," he said.

After the meeting, Ward 4 Councilor Mary E. Ausman commented, "If the mayor is unhappy with any of his appointees, he should deal with it in a forthright manner and

Council rebels, tables mayor's appointments

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not blame the Council."

By "a forthright manner," she said she meant sitting down with the department head, explaining what needed to be corrected and giving the official a specific period of time in which to correct it.

If the deficiency is not corrected,

she said, the mayor should inform the Council and submit the name of a "competent" replacement.

Stracuzzi had solid support for the tabling motion from all his colleagues except At-large councilors James R. McCaffrey and Peter G. Arlos.

Mayor Charles L. Smith said later that the action took him by surprise but declined further comment.

Before Stracuzzi asked that the slate be tabled, he said he also wants Mayor Smith to respond in writing to "two matters that are unresolved."

The Council had supported a request from McCaffrey that property valuations be published in a form that would make it easy for property owners to make comparisons and a request from Warren for statistics from the assessor's office to help the Council "to make informed decisions on tax classification and tax rates."

No response

In both cases, he said, the Council's vote asked the mayor to have the assessor's office take the requested action. "We have received no response one way or the other," he said.

Also, he said, "over a year ago, an investigation took place into the Department of Public Works on the misuse, or whatever, of city funds by continuing to purchase from a supplier, and an out-of-city supplier, I might add, that was blacklisted from doing business with the city. The Council has not heard how this matter has been resolved either."

The reports Stracuzzi requested involve two department heads whose names have figured prominently in speculation about possible changes in City Hall. Some councilors said that they had received constituent complaints about treatment at the hands of Assessor Michael J. Quigley, and that the mayor had told them he could not always work smoothly with Commissioner of Public Works Gerald S. Doyle.

Mayor sticks with same roster of municipal department heads

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By Gerald B. O'Connor

Although he said last month he might decide to appoint a new department head or two for the next two years, Mayor Charles L. Smith yesterday said he will go with the same lineup of lieutenants that's in place now.

The slate of appointments will be submitted to the City Council Tuesday.

"There were some heads," said the mayor, "who I felt were not compatible with the outlook of this office, but there are no personality conflicts with anyone, and there's no one I can't live with."

He declined to identify any he had pondered replacing.

He said his main concern had been that there were some department heads who were not as accessible to the public as he would like. "They know about this concern, we've talked about it, and I hope they'll change," he said.

The mayor in recent days had determined through talks with city councilors that there were not enough votes on the Council to support new appointments, but he appeared not to view this finding as

unacceptable.

"Most councilmen feel it's difficult for them to make a decision to put somebody out of a job," he said. "I was on the Council myself, and I know what it is to have new appointments come in, to replace people you know and have worked with."

"I also know a way to destroy a good relationship between the mayor's office and the Council is to make new appointments."

Crucial factor

Accessibility to the public, he said, is crucial to good administration. "The way I look at it, the only product we have is service. And I've always tried to have it that my office is open to the public. I can't always say yes, and it's difficult to say no, but I think people feel better if you give them some time."

As to department heads, he said, "No one has done a bad job. It's just that I'd like some of them to be more convenient and available to the public."

Furthermore, he said, "it's apparent to me that the City Council would like to retain everyone as

they are."

As a result, the following persons will remain in charge of the various divisions of government:

Gerald S. Doyle, commissioner of public works; Michael J. Quigley, assessor; Vincent J. Hebert, director of community services; Ronald H. Spring, director of maintenance; Robert J. Pomeroy Jr., building commissioner; William L. Forestell, commissioner of public utilities; Robert Peck, city accountant; Edward J. Ziembra, purchasing agent; David J. Polcaro Jr., tax collector; and Lawrence A. Grizley Jr., treasurer.

Grizley has already been named director of administration and finance. As treasurer, he has been serving in the place of retired City Clerk Francis J. Condron, who, were he still on board, would be a holdover awaiting reappointment, as were the others.

Unaffected are City Solicitor Edward M. Reilly, who has no fixed term; Police Chief Stanley Stankiewicz, whose term ends in July; and Health Commissioner Louis A. Bolduc, whose five-year term expires in 1987.

\$40,000 being sought to make picnic pavilion legally usable

By Judy Katz

Seven projects are up for discussion as candidates for funding through the city's Community Development Block Grant budget, including \$40,000 to save the new \$21,000 Franklin H. Controy Picnic Pavilion at Burbank Park from an empty life as a white elephant.

Controy, volunteer chairman of the Conservation Commission since 1970, planned and largely hand-built the pavilion as the capstone of his almost single-handed development of Burbank Park's Ramsey Beach. But the building has fallen afoul of the building code.

Because the shelter was enclosed, according to a letter from Building Commissioner Robert J. Pomeroy Jr., it is subject to certain building code requirements. Among them are a grill venting hood equipped with a fire-suppression system and a restroom accessible to the handicapped.

Controy obtained a \$10,000 state grant toward his initial \$20,000 pavilion construction budget. The City Council approved a mayoral appropriation for the rest. Later, \$1,000 was added at Controy's request to winterize the structure.

Community Development Commissioner William J. Angelo said the \$40,000 being sought from the Community Development Block

Grant would include the cost of bringing in a sewer, which would not have been necessary before the pavilion became, legally, an edifice.

All seven funding proposals will be discussed this evening at 6:30 at a meeting of the Community Resource Group, the body of citizen advisers who help decide how the city should use its CDBG.

Using imagination

When Angelo explained new, less restrictive federal regulations governing use of the CDBG to a City Council committee last month, he told them "your imagination is the limit . . . we can do almost anything. We can buy fire trucks." Sure enough, one item on the list is a \$125,000 fire truck.

Fire Chief Joseph W. Coy said that if the new pumper makes the budget, it will displace the senior item in an aging inventory, a 1952 American LaFrance truck. "It can almost go out as an antique," Coy quipped, commenting that the newest piece of equipment the department possesses was ordered in 1974, before he became chief.

The Fire Department has another item on the list, \$2,500 for a video cassette recorder and camera.

Coy said one of its many uses would be training firefighters football-team style, by taping a training exercise and then critiquing their

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performance while they watch it on film.

It would also enable the department to use instruction programs developed by firefighting academies and associations, he said, and to develop or disseminate educational programs on fire prevention.

Other candidates for funding include a complete new heating system for the YMCA, \$125,848; \$5,500 to pay operating expenses for Berkshire Artisans, a community arts organization; an \$18,200 water loop for Springside Avenue that would bring service to a formerly marooned snippet of parkland the city sold as a building lot, and \$80,798 for equipment for WTBR-FM, the radio station housed at Taconic High School that just resumed broadcasting after a management controversy.

Community Development Commissioner Angelo said all the proposals will be submitted to the Community Resource Group and the City Council's Committee on Community and Economic Development for discussion.

Using the recommendations from both groups as well as Mayor Charles L. Smith's priorities, he said, his office will budget the approximately \$2 million in CDBG funds the city will get next year and present the budget to the City Council.

Slush fund

When Pittsfield's community development commissioner, Bill Angelo, says that "your imagination is the limit" in deciding how to spend federal block grant funds, he's obviously not kidding. Between the \$40,000 to remedy a big goof-up at the Burbank Park picnic pavilion, \$125,000 for new heating at the YMCA and \$80,000 to equip a radio station that was supposed to fly on its own, the current candidates for pieces of the CDBG pie are, for the most part, projects that the city couldn't or wouldn't even think about underwriting if the money had to come from local taxpayers instead of from the taxpayers-at-large via Uncle Sam's supposedly bottomless pockets. Another example of our hopelessly skewed public priorities.

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Council OK's police chief's plea to keep three captains in dept.

"No man can perform to his best efficiency while he holds two jobs. The situation can only be tolerated on a temporary basis without some adverse effect on the department and on my own health," Stankiewicz wrote in his letter of request. He raised the specter of lawsuits, saying trained supervisory personnel are necessary to reduce the likelihood.

A motion by Ward 5 Councilor Paul M. Sottile to refer the matter to the public safety committee failed by a 6-4 vote.

Ward 4 Councilor Mary E. Aus-

man argued that the Cresap report recommended operating with two captains, relegating the administrative section to a sergeant. Mrs. Ausman termed the designation of another captain "turning back the hands of the clock without giving the alternatives a chance."

Mrs. Ausman said indications are that the public wants the same number of police officers, but on the street.

At-Large Councilor Peter G. Arlos argued for training another captain, and defined the vote as support for the chief's management techniques.

As a result, he wrote, "we are experiencing an increased number of citizen complaints, poor reporting and in some cases, lack of judgment that requires administrative reprimands. This is an uncomfortable and dangerous situation for the department and the city. I do not feel that I can fill current police vacancies without strengthening supervisory ranks."

The transfer, the differential between lieutenant's pay and that of captain until the end of the fiscal year, passed on a 7-3 vote.

The new captain would be an administrative captain, but would also be a line officer to supervise the night shifts when the most problems arise, said Stankiewicz.

Stankiewicz said he can no longer serve as administrative captain in addition to being chief.

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City and union bargainers begin 1984 contract talks

A meeting Wednesday morning between negotiators for the city and Local 861 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees — AFSCME — opened the 1984 round of contract talks between the administration and eight non-school public employee unions.

Contracts for all the unions except the Police Association will expire June 30. And although the police contract still has a year to run, said City Solicitor Edward M. Reilly, the city's chief labor negotiator, it will be reopened for negotiation of wages and economic benefits.

Talks are getting under way in an atmosphere far sunnier than two

years ago. Then, Mayor Charles L. Smith and former City Auditor Nicholas J. Sarro made a strong pre-negotiation pitch for a wage freeze in order to preserve jobs under Proposition 2½.

But when two-year contracts were finally signed, they contained provisions for 5 percent raises each year.

Tired of 'the game'

The mayor has not even mentioned contract goals this time around. He has made no public pleas for wage restraint. And in a startling departure from tradition, he stated publicly that he will budget enough to cover wage increases of 5 percent.

The city budgeted on the assumption that unions would win pay boosts at the bargaining table in 1980, but tried to avoid tipping its hand by squirreling the money away in accounts with labels such as "reserve for contingencies."

In 1982, Mayor Smith announced that he was submitting a wage-freeze budget. If the unions did not go along, he said, departmental budgets would have to be cannibalized to pay the raises — perhaps at the cost of more jobs.

In a recent interview, Smith said he is tired of what he termed "the game" of trying to hide the amount set aside to cover to-be-negotiated pay raises.

It was a useless game anyway, he said. "Anyone who knows anything about the budget could always find it."

Trout stocking starts Monday at Onota Lake

The state will start spring trout stocking at Onota Lake Monday morning.

Leo M. Daly, fisheries manager for the state Division of Fisheries and Wildlife's western district, said his crew will put in 500 brown trout that will average about a pound each and 300 rainbow trout that will average 1½ pounds.

Daly said the state trucks will make stocking runs to lakes and streams in the western district from Monday through the month of May, and possibly until early June.

Daly reported that the district is scheduled to receive 157,400 trout this spring. This, he said, is down 11,100 from the 1983 stocking, but the trout will be larger this year.

Of the 157,400 scheduled for stocking this year, 124,22 are 9-inches-plus, 28,700 measure 6 to 9-inches and 4,500 are over 12 inches long. The smaller trout, all browns, will be put mainly in the area's smaller streams.

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Council approves medical funds

The City Council voted unanimously Tuesday night to appropriate \$65,000 to replenish a depleted account to pay hospital and other medical expenses for injured police officers and firefighters.

The addition will bring the total amount budgeted for officer injuries in fiscal year 1984, which ends June 30, to \$175,000.

On a 9-1 vote, the Council also appropriated \$31,599 for Police Department overtime pay.

Several councilors suggested

ways to reduce the amount of overtime. Ward 4 Councilor Mary Ellen Ausman said that because the department is already manned at a higher level than recommended in the Cresap, McCormick & Paget management study report, the chief should look into the possibility of not replacing officers on vacation.

Ward 5 Councilor Paul M. Sottile suggested that officers be given "merit pay" for not using all 15 sick days and be allowed to "buy back" unused vacation time.

At-large Councilor James R. McCaffrey said that instead of seeking new appropriations, the police chief should transfer funds from other accounts that have money left in them.

McCaffrey cast the lone vote against the appropriation for overtime.

On a related matter, the City Council unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Gordon T. Bird as city physician to succeed Dr. Anthony Faustine and gave initial approval to a city ordinance change that would boost the salary for the position from \$7,500 to \$10,000.

Bird will conduct physical examinations for new city employees and for workers' compensation cases.

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\$42.2 million budget presented by Smith

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Mayor Charles L. Smith yesterday presented to the City Council a \$42,251,405 municipal budget for fiscal year 1985.

Smith informed the councilors that he would accept their amendments to his proposed budget for the Office of Community and Economic Development. He is unhappy with the changes, he said, but he does not wish to jeopardize other projects by holding up final approval.

During a Tuesday night meeting, the Council took exception to two items in the mayor's proposed \$3.1 million OCED budget — \$10,000 to buy new equipment for Taconic High School radio station WTBR

and \$50,000 for renovations to the Berkshire Public Theater building at 30 Union St.

The Council axed the first item entirely and whittled the second to \$20,000.

Yesterday's brief special meeting at 4 p.m. took place in the city clerk's office because Smith had temporarily converted the council chamber to a barroom. As an educational demonstration, police officers served drinks and then subjected imbibers to tests analyzing their levels of intoxication.

The 1985 budget is 3.4 percent higher than last year's, and most of the increase will go to the Pittsfield School Department, Smith said. No layoffs of city workers will take place for strictly budgetary reasons, he said, although there may be some in the future due to reorganizations.

Smith said he has allotted \$18,330,443 to the Pittsfield School Department, \$209,989 less than requested but \$979,559 more than last year.

The proposed amount is about \$70,000 less than the School Committee's original request, Smith said. On April 11, the committee hiked its request by about \$135,000, of which \$100,000 would go to the teacher salary account for undisclosed purposes. In addition, \$25,000 would be used to supplement a computer education project, and \$10,000 would pay for advanced placement examinations.

Estimated revenues for fiscal year 1985 are \$45,288,802, according to Smith's documents. The property tax levy would yield \$19,814,483; local aid from the state, \$18,643,549; federal revenue sharing, \$1,087,910; and fees, licenses, motor vehicle excise taxes and other sources, \$5,742,860.

The Council voted to refer the budget to the committee of the whole for deliberation. A final vote is due by June 15.

APR 25 1984

12—The Berkshire Eagle, Wed

City Hall offices shuffled

Occasional visitors to City Hall who have not been inside for several weeks may find they need a map.

The office shuffle planned by Director of Administration and Finance Lawrence A. Grizley to put departments that have a lot to say to each other into closer physical contact is complete.

Purchasing is where personnel was. Personnel is in the former retirement office. The retirement office and the treasurer's office have been tucked into Grizley's new quarters in what was the assessor's office, as Grizley is also head of the retirement board and treasurer.

People who want to visit the assessor will find him settled in the room that formerly housed the veterans service department, which has moved one door down into the one that belonged to the registrars of voters.

The registrars can now be found behind the city clerk's office, where the treasurer used to be.

The switchover has shifted City Hall's financial center of gravity to the long corridor that leads to the department heads' parking lot. Grizley, in the office nearest the back door, is next to the accounting department, diagonally across from the assessor and just a quick stroll from the tax collector.

Collector unmoved

The only official in the finance and administration category who has not had to cope with moving is the tax collector, but such stability has its price. His office is also the only one of the group not freshly painted a bright, light-reflecting pale beige and does not have that newly remodeled look.

Picking up stakes appears to have been hardest on the registrars of voters. That office was the first one disrupted and appears to be the last to be free of the bustle of painters, carpenters and carpet installers.

The fallout from the decorating frenzy even reached as far as the basement office of the director of public utilities. The director, William L. Forestell, finally has the present he hoped for in vain last Christmas. His department now has a carpet.

PITTSFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR

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MAY 26 1984



TROUT are readied to go into Onota Lake while Onota Fishing Club treasurer Cleante Caryo-filles, right, and secretary Robert Zutuat, second from right, look on. A total of 1,700 trout were stocked in the lake Thursday, and 20 of them were tagged as part of a state Division of Fisheries and Wildlife program to encourage fishing. Fishing club members, working with the division, have lined up prizes donated by businesses for those who land tagged fish. Successful anglers are to report to the Sportsmen's Cafe in order to collect their prizes.

Joel Librizzi

14—The Berkshire Eagle, Tuesday, May 29, 1984

City employees now prepared to choose between 2 health plans

Pittsfield's approximately 1,500 municipal and school workers, who have until June 1 to choose between Blue Cross-Blue Shield health insurance or the Hillcrest Community Health Plan — the health maintenance organization (HMO) at Hillcrest Hospital — now know just what each alternative will cost them.

John W. Shaughnessy Jr., a School Department employee and chairman of the mayor's Health Insurance Commission, said a Blue Cross-Blue Shield representative informed the commission yesterday what his company's rates will be for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

For a family plan, Shaughnessy said, the rate will be \$244.51 a month, up from \$220 for the current fiscal year. For an individual, it will be \$121.22 a month.

Under union contracts, the city pays 60 percent of the premium for employees who elect Blue Cross-Blue Shield. Shaughnessy said that once that 60 percent is translated into dollars, it represents the city's payment for those who elect the HMO.

That means that an employee who takes the Blue Cross-Blue Shield family plan will pay \$97.80 a month, while one who chooses the HMO will pay \$31.19 a month. The total HMO family premium is \$177.90 a month, he said.

Since the city share of individual Blue Cross-Blue Shield coverage, \$72.73, is greater than the HMO charge of \$67.44 for an individual, he said, the employee selecting individual HMO coverage will pay nothing.

"What we voted at the meeting was to urge employees to look at the

two plans and look at the price. The HMO isn't for everybody, and Blue Cross-Blue Shield isn't for everybody," he said.

Comparison made

He said each worker has been given a written comparison of the two plans.

The commission held the "window" or enrollment period, open until the Blue Cross-Blue Shield rates for the coming year were known, he said, so workers could make fully informed decisions.

Once a choice is made, it holds until the next "window." That, he said, will be next spring — probably in late April or May.

Shaughnessy said the commission wrote Berkshire Medical Center for information about BMC's plans to establish an HMO.

BMC president John C. Johnson responded by letter that BMC's HMO will probably be in operation by late summer or early fall and that it would be available as an option for city workers covered by Blue Cross-Blue Shield health insurance, Shaughnessy said.

He said the commission decided against opening an extra window when BMC's plan is ready. "It isn't proper to put that upon the city," he said, explaining that changeovers create a great deal of complex paperwork.

Instead, he said, employees who want to join the BMC plan will be able to do so during the regular spring enrollment period.

The commission, whose membership is drawn mainly from the leadership of city employee unions, was formed two years ago to study ways to hold down health insurance costs.

In addition to Shaughnessy, the commission includes Patricia Sanginetti, commission secretary and administrative assistant to the Planning Board; George Howes, data processing manager; Fire Lt. Gerard E. Miller; John Groat of the Traffic Department; Gennaro M. Principe, head of the Pittsfield Federation of Teachers; Alfred Terranova, school adjustment counselor, and Paul Charrow, a firefighter.

Council nearing completion of budget process

The Pittsfield City Council will wrap up its line-by-line review of the city's proposed \$42.2 million budget tonight and tomorrow and hold a final public hearing on the entire document Wednesday evening.

Under scrutiny by the Council Committee of the Whole will be the budgets of the Department of Maintenance, which includes Buildings, Grounds, the city garage and school repairs, and 11 small departments.

Tomorrow evening has been reserved for discussion of the School Department budget.

With few exceptions, the only shifts from the status quo in the budgets of most small departments, such as the mayor's office, city solicitor, Health Department, Veterans Services Office, Civil Defense and Planning Board, are increases to cover pay raises for departmental workers.

The Berkshire Athenaeum budget appears at first glance to be an exception. It is up by about \$50,000. But last year's budget allocation turned out to be inadequate to support library operations and it was subsequently increased by a \$30,000 special appropriation. Most of the remaining increase is accounted for by raises due library workers.

JUN 4 1984

Council asks Mayor Smith for job-residency rule

The City Council on Tuesday voted to ask Mayor Charles L. Smith to do two things that he had already announced plans to do — make residence in Pittsfield a requirement for filling municipal

posts and try to persuade non-resident workers already on the payroll to move to the city.

Both are aimed at arresting Pittsfield's population decline. The mayor had also said he plans to form a committee of business leaders and elected officials to see if private employers can find ways to encourage their employees to make Pittsfield their home.

The vote came on petitions from At-large Councilor Peter G. Arlos, who also won Council backing for adding a local 10-day minimum to a state requirement that a voting machine be on public display before every election.

The city violated the public-display law once, before the last city election.

JUN 28 1984 3 human-service requests go to Council committees

The City Council put off action on three human-service agency requests for capital improvement money Tuesday by shipping them off to committees. A fourth was turned down.

Sent to the Council's Committee on Community and Economic Development were the YMCA's request for \$126,000 to replace the heating system in its North Street building; the Girls Club's request for \$5,000 to rebuild its front steps and add a ramp for the handicapped, and the Department of Mental Health's request for a \$30,000 sewer line to serve its planned Lakeway Drive intermediate-care house. The DMH request was also referred to the Council's Public Works Committee.

Rejected, on technical grounds, was a \$5,500 request from Berkshire Artisans to help pay the agency's rent at the Community Arts Center on Renne Avenue.

All the agencies were seeking money from the city's Community Development Block Grant contingency fund. Berkshire Artisans' request is ineligible, At-large Councilor Imelda LaMountain reported for the Council's Community and

Economic Development Committee, because the block grant cannot be used for "maintenance of effort."

Mayor Charles L. Smith said Berkshire Artisans submitted two money requests. The committee, he said, sent the wrong one back to the Council. What Berkshire Artisans wants from the block grant fund, he said, is \$5,000 to renovate the Community Arts Center basement into workshop and classroom space.

When those renovations are complete, he said, he will ask the Council to approve a \$5,500 appropriation from regular city funds to cover the Artisans' rent.

Ward 3 Councilor Norman W. Cheever, presiding in the absence of Council President Angelo C. Stracuzzi, asked for clarification. Does that mean, he asked, that if the Council approves money for renovations it will trigger a \$5,500 request that will not come if renovations are not approved?

Apparently verifying that interpretation, Community Services Director Vincent J. Hebert, speaking for the Artisans, told the Council that without the renovations "we will not be meeting our objective."

JUL 20 1984 Smith eyes contracting of city vehicle repairs

The Pittsfield city garage could join the sanitation department and the police ambulance on the list of extinct municipal species.

Mayor Charles L. Smith said Wednesday he is investigating the possibility of contracting with a private firm for repair of city vehicles.

The garage, with seven employees and a \$36,000 utility bill, is a \$316,000 operation. Its budget is \$503,000, but the balance is for gasoline and diesel fuel.

Contracting for services instead of providing them directly always saves a city money, Smith said, because private firms are not saddled with municipalities' heavy benefit costs.

Municipal benefits amount to almost 50 percent of salaries, he said, singling out pensions as the most

significant portion of the burden. "Every time you retire someone and have to replace him, you're almost paying two salaries," he said. "Pension costs are skyrocketing. And those are fixed costs. There's nothing you can do about them."

Add to that vacation pay, sick days, personal days, life insurance policies and the city's share of medical insurance, he said, and city labor costs far outstrip those borne by private firms.

"That's why cities are going to as many contracts as they possibly can," the mayor said.

He added that in theory, at least, almost any municipal service could be purchased on a contract basis — including water, sewage treatment, fire protection "and maintenance on any kind."

JUL 26 1984

Clerical workers gain backing in pay-gap battle

between the two groups.

On an hourly basis, the pay differential is small. But it adds up, the clerks have calculated, to about \$800 a year.

Members of the clerical union turned out in force at Tuesday's Council meeting to dramatize their commitment to achieving pay equality between clerks who work in City Hall, historically all women, and the higher-paid clerks who work in the Police and Fire departments. Until recent years, those jobs were traditionally held by men.

The clerk's City Council victory was symbolic because the petition it approved and forwarded to the director of administrative services was, of necessity, worded to require nothing. Pay rates are a collective bargaining issue and the Council has no authority to deal with them.

The petition, filed for the clerks by At-large Councilor Peter G. Arlos, asks only that the administrative services director seek to move labor contract negotiations "in the direction" of pay equality

Ward 5 Councilor Paul M. Sottile, the only councilor of the seven present to vote against the petition, said he does not believe that sex discrimination is the source of the pay differential.

He said clerks in the Police and Fire departments may once have been uniformed officers and paid more because their training enabled them to perform other duties as well. In that case, he said, the proper way to achieve equality might be to decrease the pay of the protective-service clerks rather than raise the pay of their City Hall counterparts.

At-large Councilor Imelda LaMountain vigorously disputed Sottile's analysis. "These jobs are paid more because they had been traditionally held by men," she said, adding that the time when such differences were tolerated is now past.

"We've Modernized"

City Hall now has a new phone system to serve you better.



Starting Monday, June 18th, you can dial any office in City Hall directly instead of going through an operator. Keep this list of numbers handy and use it when you need to contact City Hall for assistance. To report a POLICE or FIRE EMERGENCY dial 911. "We're working harder to serve you better."

Charles L. Smith

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BUILDING INSPECTOR 499-9440
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CITY SOLICITOR 499-9352
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE 499-9361
- LICENSING BOARD 499-9363
- REGISTRAR of VOTERS 499-9460
CITY TAX COLLECTOR
 & **PARKING CLERK** 499-9431
CONSERVATION COMM. 499-9373
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DATA PROCESSING 499-9356
FAIR HOUSING OFFICE 499-9378
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- LABORATORY 442-2295
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PLANNING BOARD 499-9358
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. 499-9323
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Ad lists new City Hall phone numbers

A City Hall telephone directory of the direct-dial numbers to use starting Monday for contacting municipal departments is appearing as an advertisement on this page in today's Eagle and Mayor Charles L. Smith said "I hope people will take it and keep it near their phone."

The new set of City Hall telephone numbers will be in the new telephone book. Until Pittsfield residents get their new books, the mayor suggested, they may want to tape the ad to the cover of their present telephone books.

The new telephones are already sitting on some City Hall desks right beside the old, ready for the Monday switchover to the new system. Instead of going through a switchboard, Smith said, callers will be able to reach city departments directly.

Improved efficiency

The present central switchboard number will stay, but as an information resource to supply callers with the new departmental numbers.

"I hope eventually it will almost disappear," Smith said. "The less calls for information, the more we can utilize the talents of the person answering the phone."

That person will be the clerk who sits at the soon-to-be removed switchboard. The shift to the new

system will free her to perform clerical work, Smith said.

While he considers the cost savings (estimated at about \$12,000 a year) as the biggest benefit of the new system, the mayor said, he also expects it to increase administrative efficiency.

For one thing, he said, the new system has the capacity for conference calls. "Instead of calling the police chief over and the fire chief over, and maybe the director of administrative services, we can discuss and decide issues without taking them away from their jobs," he said.

Speaker phone

His telephone also will be equipped with a speaker-phone. Smith said he is looking forward to

being able to accomplish time-consuming work that does not require thought, such as signing papers, while conducting business over the phone.

Sometimes, he said, he has a pile of 300 or 400 documents — revenue notes, for instance — that need to be signed.

"It's a state-of-the-art system," he said.

Eliminating the switchboard will mean calls can be made and received at City Hall at any time of the day or night. Smith said he often receives long-distance calls near the present 4 p.m. switchboard shutdown time.

Now, he said, he must either make the operator stay past her official quitting time or interrupt the call.

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City budget \$75 higher than mayor wanted

Because of a series of subtractions and additions — with the Pittsfield City Council responsible for only two of them, both subtractions — the \$42.2 million fiscal 1985 city budget that the Council approved Tuesday night is \$75 higher than the original document submitted by Mayor Charles L. Smith.

The Council cut \$17,500, half the salary of a deputy fire chief, to prevent automatic filling of the vacancy that would occur if one retires during the coming year. It also cut \$965 from the police chief's salary account, but that was to help correct a mathematical error caught after the Council questioned the figures.

The cuts were overbalanced by additions to correct one large omission and to reflect some changes that had not been taken into account when the budget was prepared.

The large omission was the \$15,000 budget of Berkshire Artisans. Until this year, money to support Berkshire Artisans was included in the budget of the Council on Aging. This year it was taken out of that division, but in the press of getting out the budget, no one noticed until too late that it had not been put anywhere else.

After the budget document had already been submitted to the Council, the organizations' budget was distributed as a separate sheet.

Other additions include \$2,790 to reflect a salary increase approved earlier for the post of Berkshire Athenaeum librarian and a net increase of \$750 to reflect a new lineup and pay schedule for the clerks of City Council committees. I

Taconic repairs for city vehicles gets mayoral nod

Mayor Charles L. Smith said Wednesday he will heed a City Council request to use the Taconic High School vocational shops instead of private firms to repair city vehicles as long as he can do so without disrupting the shops' prime mission — education.

The vocational department has always been "more than willing" to work on city vehicles, Smith said. But, he noted, "Taconic is a teaching facility. The problem is, how soon do you need that vehicle? How important is it to get it back on the road?"

Taconic has done some rush jobs for the city, he said, but rush jobs are not always the most effective teaching or learning opportunities. He added that because the school program requires a steady work flow, vehicles are ordinarily scheduled for workweeks in advance.

The kind of practical experience students need at specific points in their course of study must also be considered, he said, recalling that the city once asked the Taconic sheet-metal shop to construct a large number — perhaps 100 — waste barrels.

The faculty responded that they would be happy to construct a dozen. That would be valuable for beginners. But, Smith said, they would not make more because "after that it would be repetitive and the students wouldn't be learning anything."

The Council, acting on a petition from At-large Councilor Peter G. Arlos, voted the request Tuesday.

California drum corps to give performance here

AUG 4 1984

The Velvet Knights, a drum and bugle corps from Anaheim, Calif., will give a free performance Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. at Clapp Park, the Pittsfield Fourth of July Parade Committee has announced.

The 128-member Knights performed in the 1982 and 1983 Precision and Pageantry drum and bugle competitions in Pittsfield, which were held in August in those two years, but did not compete in this year's competition, which was held on the Fourth of July.

James L. Brassard, public relations director of the parade committee, said he was told by the corps' director, Jack Bevins, that the corps members arranged the performance because they feel that without a stop in Pittsfield, their summer tour performance would not be complete.

Brassard said the Knights think very highly of the Pittsfield fans because they were the first crowd to appreciate the Knights' zany field

antics, which include colorful costumes and tight choreography.

The Knights are being mentioned in several national drum corps publications as possible finalists in this year's Drum Corps International world championships, Brassard said. The DCI is a non-profit organization that sponsors appearances of the Knights and other top drum and bugle corps.

Viewers sitting on the hill at Clapp Park will have a chance to see the performance from above, as it is intended to be seen, Brassard said.

The show will last one hour and a raffle will be held to offset the expenses for the evening, he said.

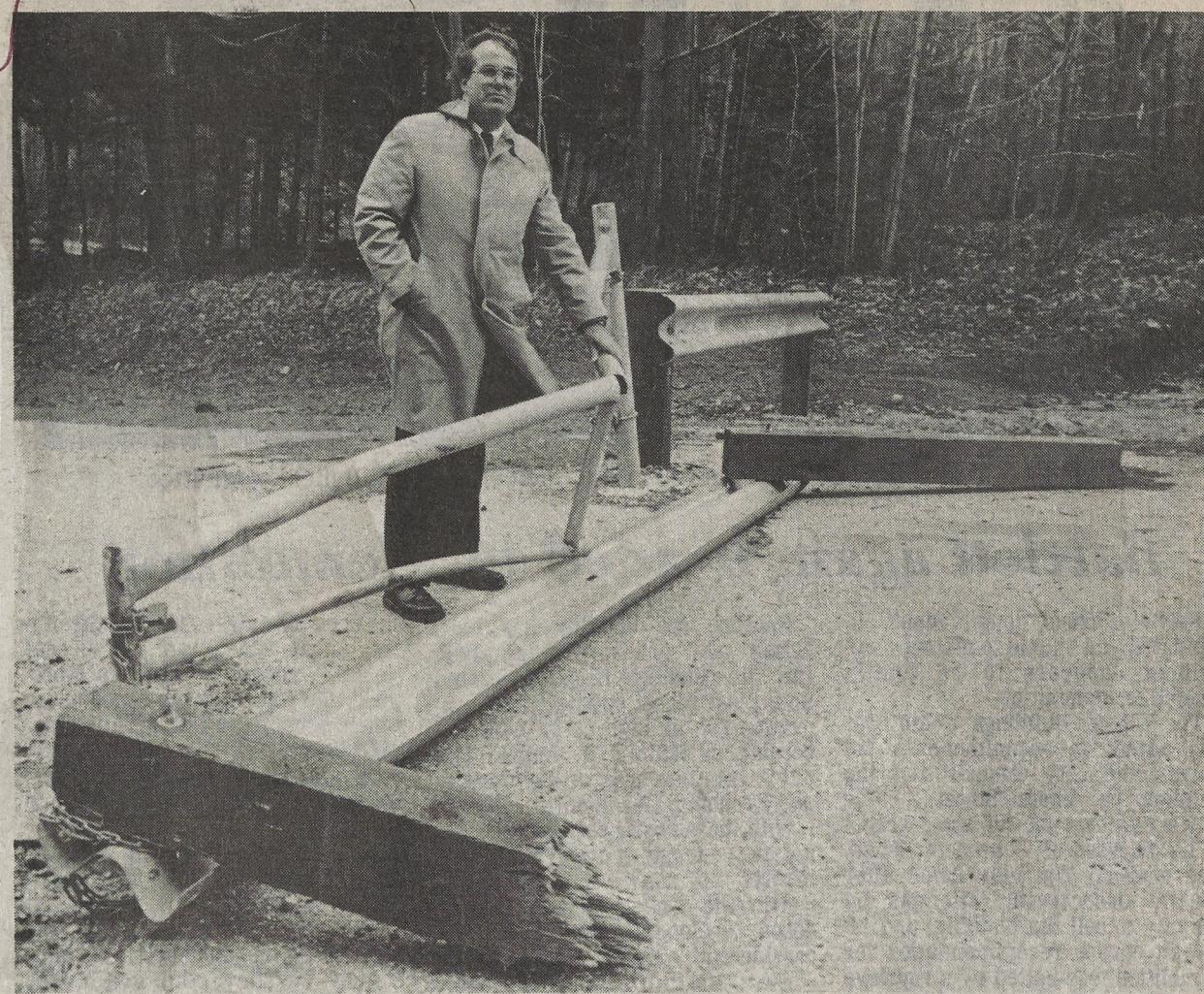
Mayor Smith responds to Eagle criticism

Mayor Charles L. Smith issued a statement yesterday taking vigorous issue with an Eagle editorial brief which criticized him for using his official stationery to solicit contributions for City Councilor Peter Arlos's campaign for county treasurer.

"Our city paid dearly for the last four years of chaos in the treasurer's office, which the newspapers helped to create," he said. "That is why I look upon supporting Peter Arlos for county treasurer as a public duty." He added that the stationery he used was "privately paid for."

NOV 3 1984

Saturday, November 17, 1984



Joel Librizzi

VANDALS last weekend tore out posts from a gate erected at Burbank Park on Lakeway Drive at a cost of \$800 last July. City maintenance director Ronald H. Spring, shown here with the battered gate, said the vandals were probably teen-agers who wanted to clear the way for drag racing in their four-wheel-drive vehicles. The city is trying to establish new traffic patterns so that the asphalt of Lakeway Drive can be taken up and replaced with grass, Spring said.

School officials express concern over rowdiness at night games

NOV 29 1984

By Gerald B. O'Connor

Rowdiness at some night football games at Wahconah Park this year prompted a School Committee member last night to ask for review of the logistics and need for the nighttime contests.

"I don't want to put the blame on anyone," said Committeewoman Toby L. Hekler, "but I think it's appropriate to ask [Superintendent John C.] Davis to report on this at a coming meeting."

Her request was made during an interlude in the committee's regular meeting at Mercer Administration Center, where committeemen and students from Pittsfield and Taconic high schools also aired views on next June's graduation dates, on the current legislative bill aimed at reforming public-school education and on the scheduling of a report on financial support for the student radio station, WTBR.

In regard to night football, Hekler said comments that reached her about a couple of games this fall pointed to "rather upsetting and disturbing behavior at one game" and some incidents that occurred after another.

Desnoyers agrees

"I attended most of the night football games at Wahconah Park this year," said Committee Chairman George J. Desnoyers, "and I would second the suggestion that this ought to be looked into."

The call for a review brought countering responses from Committeeman Edwin R. Grady and two PHS seniors who were present during the committee discussion last night as members of this year's Student Advisory Council.

"I think we should look into supervision at the games first," said Grady. "When there were problems in the past, better supervision brought [the problems] under control."

"For students, it would be disappointing not to have night football," said Marc Pascetta, who said he "would agree with Mr. Grady about beefed-up security."

"I think there would be problems whether games are at night or daytime," said David Angeli.

The football game on which much of the discussion appeared to center was a Sept. 14 contest between PHS and Taconic High School. City police, called to the park at game's end, took two boys into custody after breaking up a fight outside the stadium. There was a report of a fight among some girls in the girls' washroom under the stands.

"Security was poor" during the game, suggested Angeli.

At a later game, Desnoyers said, he saw a person struck on the head by a thrown rock. But in light of the discussion, he said he "would like to emphasize that the problems were not created," as far as he could determine, "by most of our students."

Benefit of night games

He said he believes "everyone recognizes the benefit of night games. You get better attendance, and it's good for school spirit."

Davis agreed to make a report on

the issue but said he would wait until the five Student Advisory Council members — there are the two from PHS and three from Taconic — are present again for a meeting in January. State law calls on school committees to have student advisory panels for meetings once every other month.

One of the student councilors, Jonathan Levine of Taconic, took the opportunity last night to ask the committee to reconsider the June 16 graduation date set for the end of the present school year.

Taconic's senior class, he said, favors June 9. "Yesterday, petitions were circulated, and 175 students signed in support of June 9 out of a class of about 290," he said. With more time, he felt, a higher number would support the petition.

He observed that last year's graduation date was June 10 and said that if there are no "snow days" this year, "underclassmen would have their finals before graduation, which is simply unheard of."

He described the planning as "atrocious" and said a number of seniors have to start summer jobs or meet other obligations in June.

He also said the Pittsfield graduation date historically is later than that of other Berkshire County schools.

The June 16 date, replied Davis, "was based on the recommendation of the principals, who want studies to end as close to graduation as possible."

While last year's graduation date of June 10 was fairly early, Davis continued, it was more an exception than a rule. He recited graduation dates for the years from 1976 through 1983 as June 15, 13, 12, 18, 17, 15, 14 and 19.

On other issues, Hekler, Grady and Desnoyers warned that the education-reform bill strikes them as containing many flaws, poorly documented cost estimates and substantial confusion. They urged colleagues to inform local legislators of their views on the bill. And Davis advised committee members that a recommendation on ways to provide financial support for radio station WTBR would be made at a meeting Dec. 12.

GE sets dates for '85 vacations

DEC 10 1984

Dates for Pittsfield General Electric vacation shutdowns for 1985 have been announced.

The large transformer operation will have a three-week summer shutdown from July 15 through Aug. 4 and will be closed from Dec. 23, 1985, through Jan. 1, 1986.

The ordnance systems division will be closed for two weeks next summer, from July 15 through Aug. 4. The plastics business group has no formal shutdown schedule.

10 Years Ago

Anthony J. Sangiovanni of 55 Cleveland St., director of mail processing at the Pittsfield Post Office, retired after 36½ years of service.

The year ending was the wettest since 1948. Weatherman George J. Bulgarelli said that 1974's total precipitation of 49.11 inches was approximately 5 inches above the normal figure of 44 inches.

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At the Beach

This week's depressing detour on the road to spring should be disregarded. It is surely time not to think snow, but to look ahead to such balmy diversions as pictured on this page. The chance to dawdle on the banks of Onota Lake is coming, just as it did when the scene above occurred in 1961.

APR 12 1984
Pontoosuc's ice starts to recede

In one of the most reliable signs that genuine spring is descending on the Berkshires, the ice on Pontoosuc Lake has begun its annual going-out process.

The going-out process usually takes, about a week, but can vary from a few days to several weeks depending on the weather.

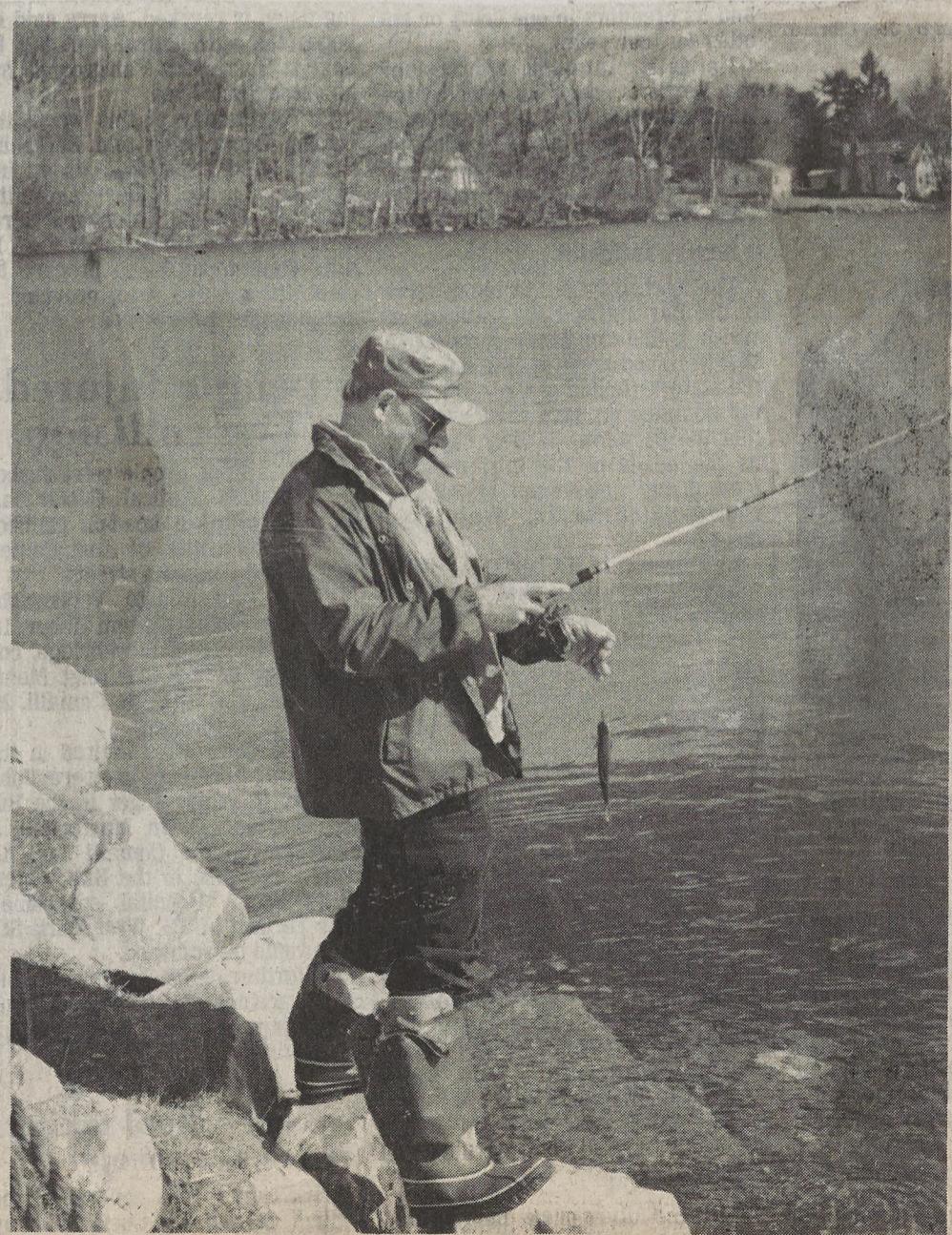
Last year all of Pontoosuc's ice went out April 2. The date was the same in 1981, but the ice held out until April 22 in 1982.



Quiet Morning MAR 31 1984

Not a ripple was showing on Pontoosuc Lake in 1973 when this couple, vacationers no doubt, shared a rowboat.

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Success

Anglers in abundance lined the edges of the Onota Lake causeway on Thursday, but extremely few fish were taken. This lad caught a 6-inch perch, which he threw back.



At Last, the Sun

APR 14 1984

On Thursday, one of those glorious balmy days that make waiting out winter's lingering rawness seem worthwhile, two young women luxuriated in the sunshine on the public beach at Onota Lake. They were oblivious of the nearby vestiges of past snows.

City Council unit opposes funds for theater, WTBR

By Judy Katz

The City Council's Committee on Community and Economic Development has unanimously recommended against spending \$10,000 in Community Development Block Grant money to buy new equipment for radio station WTBR and against spending \$50,000 to weatherize the privately owned Berkshire Public Theater and repair its roof.

Both items are included in the proposed \$3.1 million 1984-1985 Community Development Block Grant budget that will come before the City Council Tuesday for a public hearing.

Concerns about wall

The committee, which monitors the operations of the Office of Community and Economic Development, also recommended that two conditions be placed upon a proposal to spend \$700,000 to design and build a retaining wall on the city's Columbus Avenue urban renewal Parcel 5 behind Liberty Mall.

The retaining wall would make it possible to build upon the steeply sloping site. Berkshire Computer Processing Center is the designated developer of the parcel. The company's owner, Andrew E. Chmura, announced plans in 1981 to erect a new office building there to house the firm. But Chmura had difficulty in arranging affordable financing and the plan was put on hold.

Ward 3 Councilor Norman W. Cheever Jr., chairman of the committee, said Chmura now "feels he is very close to pulling this project off." But, he said, the committee decided that \$700,000 is too much to spend "without some guarantees."

Chmura plans to seek a \$500,000 federal Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG), Cheever said. The committee recommends that the city wait until the UDAG application has been submitted before laying out money for engineering.

Since a complete financing package must be in place as part of the application, Cheever said, "the degree of risk will be less."

Also, to ensure that the city will get a substantial development on its parcel, the committee is suggesting a \$4.5 million floor on the total value of the project, retaining wall and all.

WTBR decision

Cheever listed several reasons for the committee vote against using Community Development Block Grant funds to buy equipment for WTBR, which is housed at Taconic High School.

The item was budgeted as support for an extracurricular school activity. But, Cheever said, the request for funds came from the mayor's office, not from the School Committee.

Members of his committee, Cheever said, consider \$10,000 "a lot of money to spend for the benefit of just a few students." And, he said, the committee does not believe it is necessary to operate a 24-hour-a-

day station with the latest equipment in order to offer students the opportunity for extracurricular radio experience.

Rejection of the \$50,000 budgeted for improvements to Berkshire Public Theater, Cheever said, reflected the committee's opinion that city money already spent on the building was intended as seed money rather than the first installment of a continuing subsidy.

Last year, the city waived about \$70,000 in unpaid back taxes to help the Berkshire Public Theater repertory company buy the former Union Square Theater at 30 Union St. It also transferred a \$40,000 grant originally earmarked for a now-defunct plan to house a community arts center at the former St. Joseph's Grammar School to the theater company.

The committee recommended that the money budgeted for WTBR and Berkshire Public Theater be used instead to increase the \$138,000 contingency reserve by \$8,000, add \$50,000 for reconstruction of Forest Place to the \$920,000 already in the

CDBG budget for reconstruction of 13 streets and increase the amount budgeted for the city's fair housing office to \$22,000 from \$20,000.

It recommended approving the \$300,000 budgeted for park improvements — redoing the downtown Liberty and Dunham malls to match the trellised turn-of-the-century style adopted for the newly constructed Sottile Park at the head of Eagle Street, building new Pontoosuc Lake rest rooms to replace the condemned beach house there and reconstructing Renne Avenue in a style that will blend with the three downtown plazas.

The committee endorsed the balance of the budget without change. It includes \$65,000 to demolish condemned buildings, \$149,400 for human service agencies, \$30,000 for curb cuts to make it easier for the handicapped to get about in the city's business districts, \$500,000 for the Pittsfield Redevelopment Authority's continuing program of low-interest home-improvement loans to low-income families and paying for the Health Department's housing code enforcement program.

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Pontoosuc users warned about effects of lowering

The County Commissioners warned yesterday that boaters, swimmers and waterskiers should beware of underwater rocks and tree stumps at Pontoosuc Lake because the water level will be 18 to 24 inches lower than normal for an indefinite period.

In a meeting of city and county officials to discuss Pontoosuc, the Commissioners also authorized engineer John F. Cysz to prepare plans for buttressing the lake's dam, which has been leaking. Cysz reported that many stones in the dam are "highly weathered" and crumbly.

Because of the low water level, Pontoosuc may be unsafe for water skiing this summer, said Mario DeMartino, president of the Pontoosuc Lake Advisory Council, an organization of landowners around the lake. He also said the lake may be dirtier, because there will not be the "skimming action" of water flowing over the spillway.

Contractor Del P. Virgilio suggested that the county start construction of a cofferdam to hold back the water and allow the existing dam to dry out before buttressing and repairs begin. However, the Commissioners said they will not take any action until Cysz has made further studies of the dam.

MAY 4 1984



Joel Librizzi

LEAKY DAM at Pontoosuc Lake is inspected by state, county and local officials.

Onota Lake residents asked to meet tonight

Residents on Onota Lake are invited to a meeting tonight at 7:30 at Springside House, 874 North St., to form an Onota Lake Advisory Council.

Among topics to be discussed are lake safety and ecology and the water-level drawdown planned for this fall, according to Mrs. Carl E. Peaslee of 116 Shore Drive.

Commissioners award pact for cutting of lake weeds

The County Commissioners yesterday awarded a \$2,400 contract to a Waltham firm to begin removing aquatic weeds at Pontoosuc Lake within the next two weeks.

The firm, Allied Biological Inc., will use a floating machine to cut weeds off at a depth of about 5 feet underwater. It will clear five areas of the lake: Pittsfield city beach, Bull Hill Cove, the Pittsfield boat ramp and outlet channel, and boat paths near Narragansett Avenue Park and the south shore of the lake by the Itam Lodge.

No chemicals will be used for weed control at Pontoosuc this year, the Commissioners said. Pittsfield's Conservation Commission has prohibited that practice.

William S. Enser, the county's consultant on lake management, said Allied Biological may begin

work as early as Monday. He said that the cutting should keep the lake clear of weeds through midsummer, but that the weeds will grow back and may have to be cut again in August.

Allied Biological's bid was the lowest of three submitted to the county. The others were \$5,250 from Virgilio Construction Co. of Pittsfield and \$7,716 from Quirk's Marine of Pittsfield. Virgilio's bid was for hydroraking, which pulls weeds out from the lake bottom rather than cutting them off.

Enser said Virgilio's technique would clear the weeds for a longer time than conventional cutting, but the Commissioners opted for the low bid, noting that the county budget contains just \$2,500 for weed control.

MAY 30 1984

Bid for repair of dam comes in above estimate

Only one contractor offered a proposal for interim repairs to the Pontoosuc Lake dam late yesterday afternoon when bids were opened in Boston. The bid was from Western Massachusetts Construction Inc. of Stockbridge and was for \$46,906.

John J. Hannon, director of the state Division of Waterways in the Department of Environmental Management, said the proposal will be taken under advisement because it came in at a much higher price than was estimated.

Hannon said Brown Associates of

Pittsfield, engineering consultants to the Berkshire County Commissioners, had made a preliminary estimate of about \$35,000.

In an audit report this week, State Auditor John J. Finnegan cited the Pontoosuc Lake dam as the "most graphic" example of the state's "mismanagement" of the dam safety program. He said that had the dam been duly inspected and repaired, the city of Pittsfield would not have been so threatened early this month when the area was hit by prolonged downpours and flooding.

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JUN 30 1984

\$30,000 in emergency repairs said needed for Pontoosuc dam

By Alan Cooperman

Emergency repairs to the leaking dam at Pontoosuc Lake will cost the county at least \$30,000, an engineer told the County Commissioners yesterday.

The Commissioners authorized the engineer, John F. Cysz of Brown Associates, to draw up specifications so they can seek competitive bids from contractors.

Cysz recommended two repairs: replacement of stones that have fallen out of the downstream face of the dam (the side facing Hancock Road) and regrouting or resurfacing of capstones on the spillway. He said he may also suggest building a buttress wall on the dam's eastern abutment.

He said those short-term measures would make the dam safe for several years, giving the state and county time to study longer-term measures, such as replacement of the dam or substantial reconstruction.

Mayor Charles L. Smith has suggested that the state construct a new dam in conjunction with the planned reconstruction of the Hancock Road bridge just below the existing dam. Anderson-Nichol, a Boston engineering firm, has been hired by the state Department of Public Works to design the new bridge and a realignment of Route 7 near the lake.

Cysz said Smith's suggestion "makes a lot of sense" but that the short-term repairs should not be delayed.

Frederick P. Toot, executive director of the Pittsfield YMCA, agreed the repairs should be treated as an emergency and not put off. Until the dam has been fixed, Cysz



Alan Cooperman

John F. Cysz
To prepare specifications

and a state inspector have recommended that the water level be lowered to 18 inches below the spillway. Toot said the low water level makes the YMCA's dock unusable.

"We can't get our sailboats in the water," he said. "As long as the water level is down, there won't be any sailing this summer."

Considered dangerous

The Commissioners warned last week that swimmers, boaters and water skiers should beware of underwater rocks and tree stumps. Obstacles that are unmarked and that have not been noticed in past summers are now just below the surface, they said. Some members

of the Pontoosuc Lake Advisory Council, an organization of property owners around the lake, have said they consider the lake too dangerous for water skiing because of the low water level.

Cysz told the Commissioners he would have the specifications ready in about two weeks, and that contractors would need a week to prepare bids. That means work on the dam cannot begin for at least three weeks.

Commission Chairman John J. Pignatelli said he did not "know where the money is going to come from" for the repairs, but that "we'll get it somewhere." The Commissioners will have to seek approval from the Berkshire County Advisory Board before signing a construction contract, he said.

After meeting with Cysz, the Commissioners said they would invite Dean P. Amidon, district highway engineer for the state DPW, to attend their meeting next Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. to discuss the possibility of replacing the dam in conjunction with the Hancock Road bridge project.

The Commissioners also said they plan to contact companies that have performed repairs on the dam in the past. Pignatelli said the repairs apparently did not last and the companies could be held responsible.

Although he did not remember the full names of the companies or the exact cost of the work, he said the county spent several thousand dollars in the early 1970s for a cement-like substance to be forced under pressure into cracks in the dam. Then, in 1981, the county paid about \$9,000 more for a new gunnite face on the dam, he said.

Joel Librizzi

Pittsfield selling surplus docks

The city of Pittsfield has docks for sale.

Purchasing Agent Edward J. Ziembra said he is seeking buyers for 8-by-10-foot sections of the wood-plank docks removed from the Pontoosuc Lake public beach area.

The docks have become surplus because of changes made in the public swimming facilities.

Fourteen sections come with barrels fastened beneath to keep them afloat, he said, and will be sold for \$25 each. The 25 sections without barrels are priced at \$15 each.

Ziembra said some sections are stacked near the Pontoosuc Lake bathhouse and some have been moved to Springside Park. Their condition varies, he said, and the city does not deliver.

He said potential purchasers may contact him at City Hall.

JUN 8 1984

Recreation Dept. to hire 12 lifeguards

The Pittsfield Recreation Department at 874 North St. is accepting applications for 12 lifeguard positions, recreation director John C. Marchesi has announced.

The 40-hour-a-week positions pay \$3.52 per hour and tentatively will run from June 25, when the public beaches at Onota and Pontoosuc lakes are expected to open, to Aug. 17.

Applicants should have certificates in senior lifesaving, first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

The 12 lifeguards will be selected after a training institute to be held June 18-20 from 2 to 4 each day at the Girls Club, according to Marchesi.

JUN 12 1984



WATER THUNDERS over the top on Pontoosuc dam, focus of much concern over the last few days because of fears it might give way under the heavy pressure.

JUN 1 1984

Wednesday, June 6, 1984

Lake to be lowered 5 feet for dam repairs

By Alan Cooperman

Use of Pontoosuc Lake will be curtailed this summer because the water level will be lowered about 5 feet to allow for repairs to the leaky dam, the County Commissioners said yesterday.

Although the date of the drawdown has not been set, the Commissioners said it probably will be in August. In past years, the water level has been lowered for weed control, but the drawdowns have not started until mid-October.

John J. Pignatelli, chairman, said last week's flood convinced him that the repairs cannot be delayed until the fall.

"We've got to go right ahead," he said. "It's either that, or someone taking responsibility for a tragedy maybe happening."

The Commissioners said the state Division of Waterways will take charge of fixing the dam and pay for it. Engineer John F. Cysz, president of Brown Associates in Pittsfield, has estimated the cost at \$30,000.

Cysz said the repairs are an "interim" measure to make the stone

and concrete structure safe for a few years while the state investigates replacing or reconstructing it, possibly in conjunction with the planned replacement of the Hancock Road Bridge.

The repairs will include replacement of stones that have fallen out of the downstream face of the dam, regROUTING of capstones on the spillway, excavation and repair of the east abutment, cleaning of existing weepholes for drainage, the possible addition of new weepholes, and installation of riprap on the east side of the dam.

Cysz said that the Division of Waterways has not yet set a timetable for the work, but that he expects the state to solicit competitive bids and to hire a contractor this month. Work could begin in July and finish in August or September, he added.

The water level must be drawn down during the repairs to allow the dam to dry out. However, Cysz said, some work on the spillway, sides and downstream face of the dam could begin before the drawdown. The Commissioners said they will request the Division of Waterways to make the drawdown the last part of the project, so that the swimming

and boating season will be as long as possible.

Leaks in the dam were discovered by the county Surveying Department in early May. Within 24 hours, the Commissioners requested a state inspector to check the structure, and on his advice, they hired Cysz to draft specifications for repairs. In the meantime, they directed the Surveying Department to lower the water level to 18 inches below the spillway to reduce pressure on the dam. That prompted a rash of complaints from lake residents who could not use their docks.

Two weeks ago, after receiving assurances from Cysz and District Highway Engineer Dean P. Amidon that the dam was not in danger of collapsing, the Commissioners decided to delay the repairs until the fall. They also authorized raising the water level to 6 inches below the spillway.

With last week's unexpected heavy rain, the water level rose to more than 18 inches over the spillway, and the leaks grew both in number and size. Residents along the Housatonic River in Pittsfield and Lee were evacuated from their homes for fear that the dam might burst.

JUN 2 1984



Fireplace Fishing

This week's rain expanded Onota Lake onto lawns along Thomas Island Road, making it possible to fish from places that are usually high and dry.

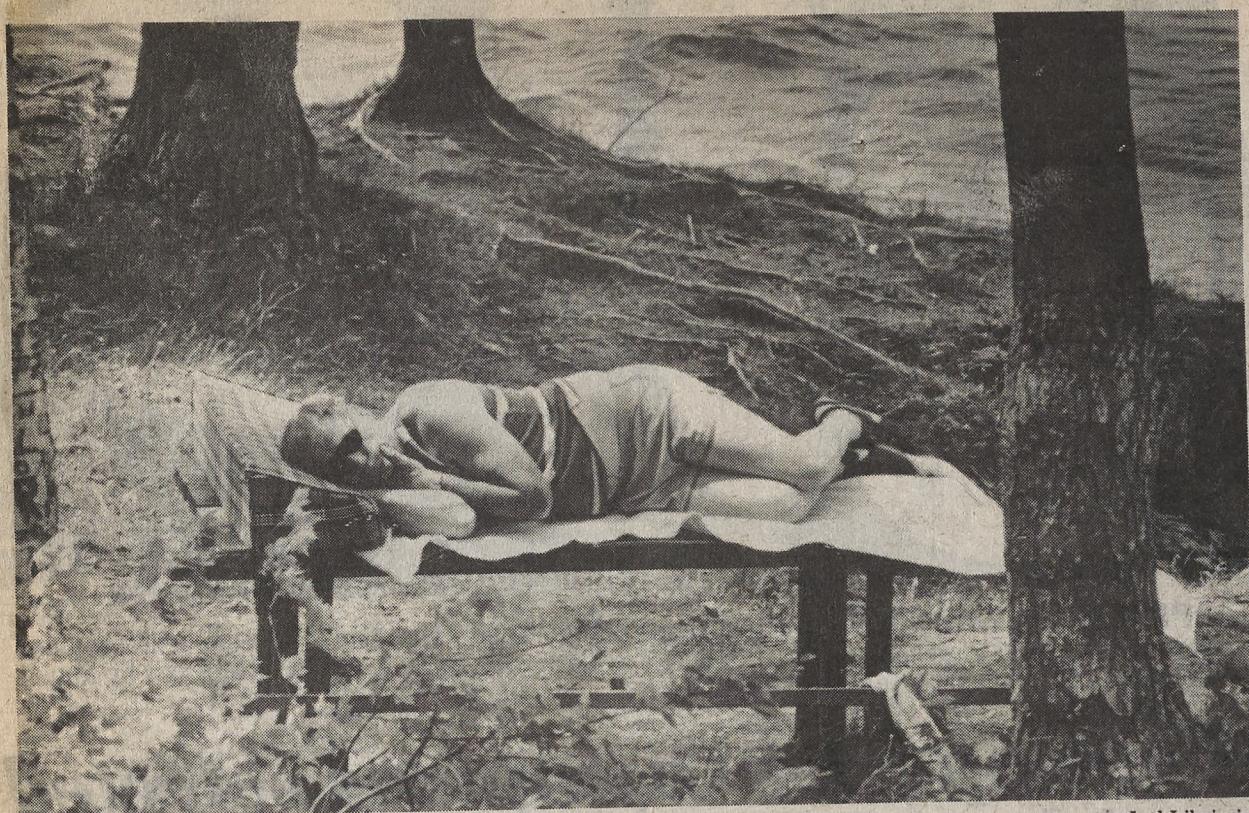
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Swim Class

Five pollywogs wiggle happily in a 1950s swim class at Pontoosuc Lake.

Tuesday, June 12, 1984



Joel Librizzi

REFRESHING NAP is taken by an unidentified man who stretched out on a picnic table at Onota Lake's Burbank Park yesterday.

JUN 14 1984



Joel Librizzi

UNDER THE PINES at the Pontoosuc Lake picnic area, yesterday's muggy heat was a bit less intense. Cooler weather is forecast for tomorrow.

Friday, June 15, 1984



Joel Librizzi

HARVEST OF WEEDS is gathered in on Pontoosuc Lake by Allied Biological of New England Inc. of Waltham. Six acres of weeds are being cut in the two-day project, which will end today. Photo was taken from public beach.

JUN 18 1984
23 years Ago

Nancy Shea, James Chanen, James Quirk and Thomas J. Mulcahy, experienced waterfront leaders, were on hand as the public beaches at Pontoosuc and Onota lakes opened officially.



Joel Librizzi

DEMOLITION of the condemned bathhouse and concession stand at Pontoosuc Lake began yesterday. Contractor for the project, which includes elimination of a 4-foot-high retaining

wall and grading of the beach down to the water's edge, is David F. Carrington of Lee. The bathhouse will be replaced later by a structure about a third as large.

JUN 23 1984
Onota beach to open

The public beach at Onota Lake will open for the season Monday at noon, Recreation Director John C. Marchesi has announced.

Lifeguards will be on duty seven days a week from noon to 8.

Patrols set for Pittsfield lakes

By Judy Katz

Announcements last night of plans for patrols by auxiliary police at Pontoosuc and Onota lakes and formation of an Onota Lake Association signaled a fresh attack on the perennial problem of lake safety.

Speaking at a Conservation Commission hearing on lake problems, James E. Brown of 535 Lakeway Drive, a Civil Defense volunteer, announced that uniformed auxiliary police volunteers empowered to remove boating rule violators from the water will patrol both lakes every Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. until dark from July through the summer.

The Registry of Motor Vehicles may give the volunteer patrols authority to issue tickets to violators as well, he said, and he believes patrols can be extended to holidays.

John H. Rice of 21 Blythewood Drive told the commission that Onota Lake residents are forming an association to promote safety, ensure secure enjoyment of all forms of lake recreation and protect the ecology of the lake.

Shoreline projects

The announcements came during a hearing that focused on lake use and weed control rather than the topic uppermost in the minds of the conservation commissioners — a planned short-term drawdown of Onota Lake about Oct. 1 to allow property owners to make storefront repairs.

Conservation Commissioner Frank Root, who chaired the hearing, told an audience of about 40 that property owners who want to take advantage of the drawdown must file a sketch and description of their projects with the commission by Aug. 15.

The commission will hold a hearing then, he said, and include the submitted projects under the commission's own order of conditions

That, he said, will exempt the owners from the need to file individual notices of intent and go through individual public hearings to obtain an order of conditions, the legal prerequisite to any shoreline work.

Commission member James J. Riddle, a city engineer, volunteered to accept plans and answer questions at his office in City Hall since the Conservation Commission office is often empty.

A number of speakers discussed safety, some advocating restricted hours for powerboats, others discussing speed or horsepower limitations. But the issue was raised most forcefully by Harriet Eisner of 27 Tor Court.

Reckless youngsters

She complained that youngsters of 13, 14 or 15 operate powerboats — "ocean liners, practically" — pulling water skiers without regard to the rights of others and with no apparent understanding of boating rules. She said she has seen water skiers threaten to swamp fishermen and pass between swimmers and a

dock.

A system should be devised, she said, for providing all boaters with the boating rules of the road.

Both Mario DeMartino, chairman of the Pontoosuc Lake Advisory Committee, and Conservation Commission member George S. Wislocki said the fledgling Onota Lake Association offers the best solution to safety problems.

DeMartino said the Pontoosuc association successfully uses "peer pressure" to get parents to control their youngsters.

"We are constantly talking to our neighbors," he said. "It really does work."

Urging the new group to follow the Pontoosuc association's lead, Wislocki said that "a letter on association stationery, I think, would have some impact."

Clean lakes program

Robert Spencer, an environmental specialist on the staff of the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission, offered the Onota Lake

Association the same help he said his office already extends to its established Pontoosuc Lake counterpart.

His office is willing to set up a mailing list, send out notices and obtain speakers or consultants, he said — "whatever it takes to put together a clean lakes program."

Discussion of environmental issues centered on weeds and obtaining state or federal grants to fight them.

The Pontoosuc Lake group, with the support of the County Commission, the Conservation Commission and other organizations, is seeking a grant to obtain a weed harvester. County Commissioner Peter F. Menard said that a single harvester could serve both lakes.

Hugh Quirk of Quirk's Marine, 1249 North St., said he decided not to wait for the outcome of the grant application because weeds are damaging his boat engines. He said he is collecting money from Pontoosuc Lake residents for "stopgap" weed harvesting this summer.

1984 **Drivers cautioned about posts at park**

People driving in the vicinity of Burbank Park at Onota Lake should use caution, Director of Maintenance Ronald Spring said yesterday.

Posts are being erected for fencing that will enclose parts of the park that previously were open areas. Recreation Director John C. Marchesi said a couple driving in the park struck one of the posts at 10:30 Wednesday night.

He reminded residents that under regulations adopted by the Park Commission, the parks officially close one hour after sunset and reopen one hour before sunrise.

Tourist attraction?

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

If any of our local residents or visiting tourists would like to see the weeds harvested from Pontoosuc Lake in mid-June, they may be observed in a rotting, stinking, buggy mass in the middle of the path leading away from the pile of mud and gravel that used to be the public beach.

These two sights are an attraction that should not be missed!

ROSEANN McDEVITT
163 Hancock Road
Pittsfield

JUL 27 1984

Sole bidder on dam job likely to get contract

By A.A. Michelson

John J. Hannon, director of the state Division of Waterways, said here yesterday that a \$47,000 bid offered by Western Massachusetts Construction Inc. of Stockbridge for repairs to the Pontoosuc Lake dam would probably be accepted even though it is substantially more than the estimate of the consulting engineers, Brown Associates of Pittsfield.

The consulting engineers estimated that the temporary repairs would cost about \$35,000. The Stock-

bridge firm was the only one that submitted a bid to Hannon's agency.

Hannon said final action on the bid will be taken in about 10 days when the department does a "post-qualifying" review.

Hannon spent Thursday and yesterday in the Berkshires looking at the Pontoosuc Lake dam and several other trouble spots in Southern and Northern Berkshire. The tour was arranged by Sen. Peter C. Webber, R-Pittsfield, and it was joined at times by Reps. Sherwood Guernsey, D-Williamstown, Robert Frank Jakuvowicz, D-Pittsfield, and Christopher J. Hodgkins, D-Lee.

Webber said that he plans to put together a pilot flood control program for the Berkshires under which a sum of money would be appropriated and priorities would be set after conferences by the state and local government.

"Many of the trouble spots we ran into," Webber said, "represent inattention over the years to stream clearance. Invariably we found fallen trees and other debris choking the river flow, causing great deposits of silt."

Webber said a separate, long-range program has to be put together for a more forceful inspection and repair of dams. He said he will call for the creation of a special subcommittee of the Legislature's Committee on Natural Resources to investigate why the dam safety program has been "mismanaged," as charged recently by State Auditor John J. Finnegan, and propose improvement.

In his audit report two weeks ago, Finnegan cited the Pontoosuc Lake dam as the "most graphic example" of the state's "failing its mission in carrying out its dam safety program."

Lake group questions retaining wall's removal

JUL 26 1984

The Pontoosuc Lake Advisory Committee wants to know if the City of Pittsfield sought Wetlands Protection Act clearance to remove the concrete retaining wall at the city swimming beach at the lake's south end, and if not, why not.

Committee members have approved sending a letter of concern to the County Commission, which owns the lake rights, and a copy to City Hall, according to the committee chairman, Mario DeMartino.

Private landowners have to obtain Wetlands Act approval for any work impinging on waterways, said a committee member, Ronald W. Tinkham of Lanesboro, and public agencies have to abide by the same rules.

But according to the city's Con-

servation Commission chairman, Franklin H. Controy, the requirement was waived in this case.

Representatives of the Park Commission, which governs the swimming beach, asked about Wetlands Act procedure during the spring and were told that, because the removal was an emergency and posed no environmental threat to the lake, the need for "going through the [Wetlands Act] rigamarole" wasn't necessary, Controy said.

"They told us they were concerned that the wall was tipping and might fall over," he said. "We considered it an emergency, and since there would be no filling or loss of flood storage, there'd be no need" to apply for a set of conditions covering the work.

In addition, the Conservation Commission was under the impression that any delay would force closure of the beach, he continued.

"But they closed it anyway," he said Tuesday. "If we'd known that, we'd have asked them to go through the rigamarole, after all."

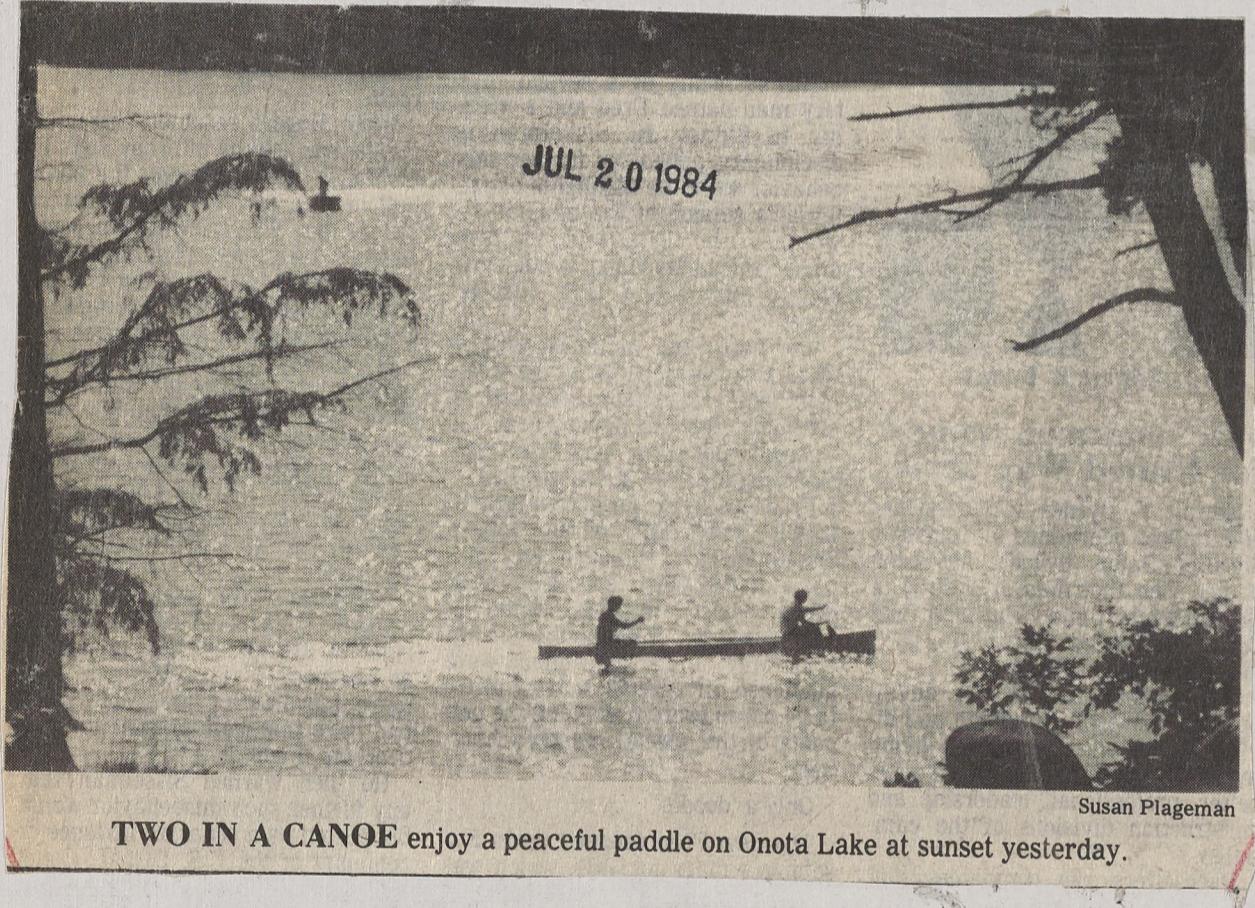
The city's Maintenance and Public Works departments, which are in charge of the work at the swimming beach, had expected to remove the retaining wall and demolish the condemned bathhouse there before the summer recreation season started at the end of June. But there were some setbacks.

Maintenance Director Ronald H. Spring said the wall was more difficult to remove than anticipated, contractor David Carrington of Lee encountered some equipment problems and the heavy rains at the end of May forced additional delay.

The wall has now been removed and the old bathhouse torn down.

The Public Works Department will regrade the area and the Maintenance Department will then build a new, smaller bathhouse, Spring said, both probably after the lake is drawn down later in the summer to permit repairs to the dam.

The Pontoosuc Lake Advisory Committee is a citizens' organization formed voluntarily in 1981 with the encouragement of Pittsfield, Lanesboro, county and state officials.



TWO IN A CANOE enjoy a peaceful paddle on Onota Lake at sunset yesterday.



LIKE AERIAL AQUANAUTS young bicyclists fly off a ramp into the cool waters of



Pontoosuc Lake. They are, from left, Danny Flynn, 15; Jay Norton, 15, and Jamie Boltin, 15.



Joel Librizzi

AUG 13 1984

Hours for swimmers changed at Onota

Hours for supervised swimming at Pittsfield's Onota Lake have been changed for the remainder of the summer season, Recreation Director John C. Marchesi has announced.

Starting today, lifeguards will be on duty at the public beach from 11 to 7, Marchesi said. During the first part of the summer, they were on duty from noon to 8.

SOURCES

AUG 17 1984
25 Years Ago

Nick Sanganetti, David Benham, Jack O'Brien and Richard Grower were winners of the speedboat races in the fourth annual Boat-A-Rama sponsored by the Pittsfield Boating Club and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Legislature approves \$20,000 for new Onota Lake boat ramp

AUG 30 1984

The Legislature has approved a supplementary budget that includes \$20,000 for a new boat ramp at Onota Lake, Pittsfield Conservation Commission Chairman Franklin H.

Controy said Tuesday. He said state Rep. Robert Frank Jakubowicz, D-Pittsfield, and Sen. Peter C. Webber, R-Pittsfield, were successful in inserting the appropri-

ation as a line item in the supplementary budget.

"They did a swell job," said Controy, who has been working to get funds for the boat ramp for a decade. Plans for the ramp have been ready for two years, he added.

The new ramp will be located about 100 feet north of the present one, which is too close to the fishing pier, according to Controy. Boats leaving the ramp often disturb fishing lines, he said.

Plans call for a concrete ramp that will extend beyond the black-topped surface so people will be able to step right into their boats without having to wade into knee-deep water, Controy said. The parking lot also will be resurfaced.

Saying the money will be available within three days, Controy expressed the hope that the project can be put out to bid immediately so that the work can be done during the monthlong drawdown of Onota Lake scheduled to begin Oct. 1.

25 Years Ago

Vincent J. Hebert, superintendent of the Pittsfield Park Department, said the preliminary returns indicated a total of more than a quarter of a million people used the city beaches at Pontoosuc and Onota lakes this summer, compared with only about 160,000 the previous year.

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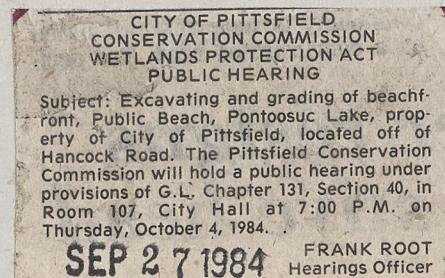
Mark Mitchell

Before the drop

SEP 25 1984

The water level at Onota Lake will be lowered 4 feet starting today, so that repairs can be made to the control gate of the

dam. Eventually, anglers such as these on the fishing pier yesterday will seem higher up, and will have to lengthen lines.



Onota Lake drawdown set to start

Pittsfield Conservation Commission Chairman Franklin H. Controy announced yesterday that the drawdown of Onota Lake will start tomorrow, five days earlier than planned, so repairs can be made to the control gate at the dam.

Controy inspected the gate yesterday with city officials, including Mayor Charles L. Smith and Ward 7 Councilor Cynthia L. Betters, and representatives of the state Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. Parts may have to be ordered to make the repairs, he said.

He said anyone for whom the earlier drawdown would cause a hardship should contact James J. Riddle in the city engineering department immediately.

The 4-foot drawdown of the lake originally had been scheduled to begin Oct. 1 and end Oct. 29. Purpose of lowering the water level is to give lakefront property owners the opportunity to repair retaining walls and to replace muck and weeds along the shoreline with sand or gravel.

SEP 24 1984

Work to start tomorrow on Pontoosuc dam repairs

The state Division of Waterways yesterday awarded a \$46,906 contract for repair of the dam at Pontoosuc Lake to Western Massachusetts Construction Co., which plans to start work tomorrow.

The water level of the lake has been lowered about 5 feet to allow the repairs, which will take three to four weeks if the weather remains warm, said Commissioner Peter F. Menard.

Western Massachusetts Construction, headquartered in Stockbridge, was the only bidder on the project. Its price was about \$12,000 higher than consulting engineers had estimated, but John J. Hannon, director of the Division of Waterways, decided to award the contract anyway.

State to pay

The state will pay for the entire cost of construction, but the county will have to pay about \$7,000 for studies by John F. Cysz, president of Brown Associates, a Pittsfield engineering firm. The Commissioners hired Cysz when the county surveying department discovered leaks in the dam in early May.

After heavy rains in late May, the water level rose to more than 18 inches over the spillway, the leaks grew in number and size, and residents downstream were evacuated from their homes for fear the dam would burst.

The repairs will include replacement of stones that have fallen out of the downstream face of the dam, resurfacing of capstones on the spillway, excavation and reinforcement of the east abutment, and cleaning of existing holes in the dam for drainage.

Menard said the Commissioners will ask Sheriff Carmen C. Massimiano to send a work crew of inmates to the lake to help clear debris exposed near the dam by the drawdown.

Western Mass Construction Co. president Miro Baucé met at the dam yesterday at 10 a.m. with Menard and Commission Chairman John J. Pignatelli; county surveyor Gene Galvagni; Cysz; and two representatives of the Division of Waterways. One of the employees of the Division of Waterways brought a copy of the contract for Baucé from Boston, Menard said.

OCT 10 1984 New boat ramp to be built

A new reinforced concrete boat ramp for Burbank Park on Onota Lake may be built in sections this winter for installation in the spring.

In August, Conservation Commission Chairman Franklin H. Controy announced that state money had been appropriated for the ramp and said he hoped it could be built during the October drawdown of Onota Lake.

Excavation and laying a rock base probably will be accomplished by the Department of Public Works this month, director of maintenance Ronald H. Spring said. He said his department will build the ramp itself.

If the sectional design is used, he said, the work need not be done during the drawdown or before winter sets in. The sections can be constructed indoors if necessary.

The estimated cost of the project is \$20,000.

OCT 11 1984 Pontoosuc dam repairs are nearing completion

Thanks to warm weather, repairs to the Pontoosuc Lake dam are proceeding on schedule and probably will be complete within two weeks, County Commissioner Peter F. Menard said last night.

Western Massachusetts Construction Co., which is fixing the leaky dam under a \$47,000 state contract, yesterday poured concrete on top of the 80-year-old structure.

Before pouring the concrete, crews from the Stockbridge construction firm drilled holes in the stone dam and inserted steel reinforcing rods, which were cemented in place with epoxy, Menard said.

The crews also have started to install 1,000-pound boulders to shore up an embankment at the eastern end of the dam, and they have been cleaning out loose mortar and stones in the downstream face of the structure. The stones will be replaced, and the gaps will be filled with concrete, he said.

The county government controls the 80-year-old dam and owns the water rights to the lake, which straddles the border between Pittsfield and Lanesboro. Leaks were

Thursday, September 27, 1984



Joel Librizzi

DAM REPAIRS began yesterday at Pontoosuc Lake with Russell Davis and Kenneth Flanders Jr. of Western Mass. Construction Co., Stockbridge, removing capstones so they can be reset or replaced. Given good weather, the \$46,906 project is expected to take three to four weeks.

Thursday, October 25, 1984



Joel Librizzi

FOUNDATION work has begun on a new bathhouse at Pontoosuc Lake following demolition of the old one and extensive grading and cleaning up of the public beach area. Construction of the 24-by-38-foot, one-story wooden building is being done entirely by city workers at an estimated cost of \$10,000. It will have restrooms and dressing rooms at either end, plus a room for lifeguards and their equipment, and should be ready by next summer.

OCT 17 1984

More work found needed for Pontoosuc dam repair

By Alan Cooperman

Construction crews repairing the Pontoosuc Lake dam discovered this week that the east end of the structure is on soft ground. Engineers have estimated that an additional \$50,000 to \$75,000 may be needed to strengthen the foundation, the County Commissioners said yesterday.

The Commissioners — John J. Pignatelli, Peter F. Menard and Joseph R. Dean Jr. — voted unanimously for an emergency appropriation of county funds to hire a Connecticut firm to make test borings and other studies to determine how best to repair the weak section of the dam. They said the studies may cost \$10,000 to \$12,000.

They also requested help from state Sen. Peter C. Webber, R-Pittsfield, in obtaining state money to pay for the additional construction work. Webber said last night that he immediately appealed to James Gutensohn, commissioner of the state Department of Environmental Management, who "was receptive to the state's helping out on this."

Webber said he was optimistic the state would chip in the additional \$50,000 to \$75,000, because the Legislature established a \$500,000 reserve fund last year specifically for dam maintenance and repair projects. He noted that he was the author of the amendment that created the fund.

Maybe by spring

The Commissioners said engineers have warned that the lake's water level, which has been drawn down 5 feet, cannot be raised until the east end of the dam is bolstered. Pignatelli added that the Commission will do "everything possible" to have the work completed by spring, so that the lake can be filled as usual.

County government controls the dam and owns the water rights to the 480-acre lake, which straddles the Pittsfield-Lanesboro line. Leaks were discovered in the structure last spring, and after a week of heavy rain in May, some residents downstream along the Housatonic River were temporarily evacuated from their homes for fear the dam might burst.

The state Division of Waterways, a section of the Department of Environmental Management, contracted this fall with Western Massachusetts Construction Co. of Stockbridge to undertake interim repairs to the dam for \$47,000. The repairs were intended to make the structure safe for a few years, during which time the state and county would study whether to rebuild or replace it.

Western Massachusetts Construction Co. crews began work at the dam last month, and the repairs were proceeding on schedule until this week, according to Miro Bauke, president of the firm. So far, the crews have drilled holes into the top of the dam and inserted steel reinforcing rods, which have been fastened with epoxy and covered with a mixture of concrete and epoxy. They also have replaced stones, cleaned out loose mortar and filled holes in the downstream face of the structure.

Construction methods

Consulting engineer John F. Cysz, president of Brown Associates in Pittsfield, said the problem with the east end of the dam stems from construction methods used more than 100 years ago. The structure consists of an earth embankment with stone retaining walls, but instead of placing those walls on solid ledge, the original builders rested the east end on "silty, sandy material," he said.

Because of that poor foundation, Cysz added, there is seepage through the embankment. The first steps in addressing the problem are to make borings to determine where bedrock is, and then to decide how best to cut off the seepage and increase the width of the embankment, he said.

One possibility is to sink a steel or concrete wall at the upstream side of the dam, Cysz said. Another possible action would be construction of a reinforced concrete buttress, anchored on ledge, at the downstream face, he said.

Whatever work is done this fall, he said, "my feeling is that the dam will ultimately have to be replaced."

Cysz added that he has urged the County Commissioners and state officials to start, as soon as possible,

the engineering and environmental studies that must precede replacement of the dam. Those studies could take more than two years, he said.

Sextupled price seen for dam job

DEC 5 1984

By Alan Cooperman

Temporary repairs to the Pontoosuc Lake dam probably will cost about \$200,000, more than six times the original estimate, a consulting engineer told the County Commission yesterday.

At the Commission's request, a meeting of state officials and Berkshire County legislators has been scheduled Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Boston to discuss whether the state will fund the repairs.

Engineer John F. Cysz, president of Brown Associates Inc. in Pittsfield, calculated that it will cost about \$150,000 to strengthen the east side of the 100-year-old dam and another \$50,000 to bolster the west side. He predicted the work will take about 100 days, depending on weather.

Commission Chairman John J. Pignatelli said he is worried that, if the state Division of Waterways does not provide immediate funding for the repairs and cut through red tape so construction can start soon, then the county will have to keep the water level down in the spring.

The 480-acre lake has been drawn down about 5 feet. Normally, runoff from rain and melting snow would refill it in the spring. But Pignatelli warned that if the dam has not been repaired, the county may have to open the spillway gates, thereby

preventing the lake from rising.

Mario J. DeMartino, chairman of the Pontoosuc Lake Advisory Council, a group of homeowners around the lake, said that if the lake is not filled, "a lot of people's summers will be ruined."

He added that low water would hurt numerous businesses, including camps, marinas and shoreline restaurants.

Estimates of the cost and extent of repairs necessary to shore up the dam have escalated steadily since last spring, when several leaks were discovered in the earth and stone structure.

At that time, the County Commissioners made an emergency appropriation to hire Cysz as a consultant. They also brought in state engineers. On the recommendation of both Cysz and the engineers, the Commission decided to plan temporary repairs that would shore up the structure for a few years, providing time to plan longer-term measures, such as replacement or substantial reconstruction of the dam.

Cysz repeatedly has said a new dam is needed, and Mayor Charles L. Smith has suggested that it be built in conjunction with the proposed reconstruction of the Hancock Road bridge just below the existing dam.

In May, Cysz projected that the temporary repairs would cost about \$30,000. But when the Division of Waterways solicited bids in June, only one contractor — Western Massachusetts Construction Co. of Stockbridge — responded. Its price was \$46,906. Despite the unexpectedly high price, the state agency awarded the contract, and work began in September.

Infirm support

In mid-October, construction crews discovered that the east end of the dam rested on silt and sand, rather than bedrock. As a result, engineers estimated another \$50,000 to \$75,000 might be needed to strengthen the foundation. The County Advisory Board then appropriated \$20,000 for a consulting firm, Goldberg, Zoino & Associates of Vernon, Conn., to make test borings and design repairs.

Doubly thick Pontoosuc dam proposed by engineering firm

By Alan Cooperman

Engineers have recommended strengthening the Pontoosuc Lake dam by building a concrete buttress on the downstream dry side and a wall of concrete, steel, rock and gravel on the upstream side facing the water.

Those measures would more than double the thickness of the dam, making it safe for several years while state and county planners consider a more permanent solution, said John F. Cysz, president of Brown Associates, a Pittsfield engineering firm.

Cysz made his recommendation yesterday afternoon to the County Commissioners, who control the dam and own the water rights to the lake. He said the proposal was based on 10 test borings and 15 pits dug around the dam to determine the soil conditions and depth of bedrock.

He added that he is preparing cost estimates for the project and will report to the Commissioners again

next week.

Commissioner Peter F. Menard said he was concerned that the buttressing would be enormously expensive, and he recommended that the county consider other, less costly methods of temporarily strengthening the dam.

Several leaks were discovered in the dam last spring, and Western Massachusetts Construction Co. of Stockbridge began repairing it this fall under contract with the state Division of Waterways. However, construction crews discovered last month that the structure rests on silt and sand rather than bedrock. As a result, the county hired a private contractor to make test borings, and Brown Associates began designing more extensive repairs.

Cysz said he is optimistic that the state will pay for whatever construction is necessary and that work on the dam can continue through the winter, so the lake can be refilled as usual in the spring.

DEC 5 1984



Joel Librizzi

FINISHING WORK on roof of new bathhouse at Pontoosuc Lake yesterday is crew from Pittsfield Department of Maintenance. Exterior of 36- by 26-foot structure is done; interior will be completed in the spring. Maintenance Director Ronald H. Spring said bathhouse will include toilet facilities, changing areas, a first-aid station and a room for lifeguards.

Group formed to preserve Onota

DEC 7 1984

A newly formed Lake Onota Preservation Association plans to sponsor fund-raising events and solicit individual donations to help Pittsfield qualify for a state matching grant under the Clean Lakes Program.

The deadline for committing local money is May 15, said Michael Sanganetti of the city's Office of Community and Economic Development, president of the association. And, he said, chances of

landing a grant go up if a hefty portion of the local matching fund comes from private pockets. The state interprets that as a solid demonstration of deep public concern, he said.

The Clean Lakes Program requires a feasibility study as a first step. Only then is a lake eligible for weed or pollution control grants. The study will cost about \$60,000, Sanganetti said, and the community must put up about 25 percent. That

would mean a \$15,000 local match. "We're going to raise as much as we can," he said. "The match is our first priority."

Other priorities, in order, are recreation and water safety, preservation of fish and wildlife, and preventing vandalism and theft. The association plans to form a subcommittee to concentrate on each.

The Lake Onota Preservation Association held its organization meeting the day before Thanksgiving and will meet again Jan. 16 to discuss setting a constitution and by-laws.

Membership rules

The draft prepared for discussion limits voting membership to lake-front landowners, owners of property that carries deeded access rights to Onota Lake, and representatives of the mayor, City Council, Conservation Commission and state Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. Landowners can send representatives to cast their votes.

But non-voting membership is open to any Berkshire County resident.

The association, an advisory board to the mayor, formed an executive committee made up of Sanganetti, vice president James D'itello, secretary Jean Ryan and treasurer Harriet Eisner.

Members of the board of directors are Milton U. Geer, Herbert R. Glodt, James R. Hashim, William D. Larkin Jr., Carl E. Peaslee, Walter W. Pickwell, Robert W. Race, Charles R. Ramsey, Marshall Raser, John H. Rice, Philip Volastro and Manuel F. Yvars.

Named as advisers to the board were Franklin H. Controy, chairman of the Conservation Commission; Robert Spencer, environmental planner for the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission; Leo Daley of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, and Vincent J. Hebert, director of community services.

MAR 19 1984
Springside Group
plans open house
and plant sale

Mrs. Elvira Terranova and Mrs. Patricia Pietrowski are chairmen of the Springside Greenhouse Group's spring open house on March 25 from 10 to 4 p.m. at the greenhouse. A plant sale in conjunction with the sale will be under the direction of Orin P. McCarty.

Theme of the event will be "It Might As Well Be Spring." An exhibition of plants, including succulents, and a small waterfall will be among attractions. An herb exhibit by Mrs. Terranova and a bonsai exhibit by Mr. McCarty also will be featured.

Plants grown by members, soil and pots will be on sale, and a giant jade plant will be awarded in a drawing. Refreshments will be served, and members will conduct guided tours of the greenhouse throughout the day.

The public is invited.

MAY 4 1984
Springside group
elects officers,
gives scholarships

The Springside Garden Group elected officers and awarded two scholarships of \$500 each at the annual dinner meeting on April 25 at the Berkshire Hills Country Club.

The awards from the Nicholas Debacher scholarship fund were to Ms. Leona Lavallee of 74 First St., Dalton, and John Maruk of Potter Mountain Road. Mrs. Esther Loucks was scholarship chairman.

Ms. Lavallee, a 1977 graduate of Berkshire Community College, served with the Peace Corps for 2½ years in West Africa. She will study international agricultural studies in the natural resources program at the University of Massachusetts.

Mr. Maruk, who also received last year's \$500 scholarship award from the garden group, is studying in the plant pathology program at the University of Massachusetts. He also graduated from Berkshire Community College.

William W. Flynn, executive director of the Pittsfield Housing Authority, was re-elected president for his third one-year term. Other officers named were Mrs. Elvira Terranova, vice president; Mrs. Mary Anne Jones, treasurer; Mrs. Judith MacCartney, assistant treasurer; Mrs. Patricia Pietrowski, secretary, and Mrs. Ruth Austin, assistant secretary.

Committee chairmen elected were Mrs. Elizabeth Zawistowski, membership; Mrs. Toby Hekler, watering; Mrs. Carol French, publicity; Mrs. Joan Halpin, house; Mrs. Austin and Mrs. Val Myers, program, and Orin P. McCarty, plant sales.

MAY 8 1984
Springside gardeners
to close season with
two sales, open house

The Springside Garden Group will have two sales and an open house to close its spring season.

A Mother's Day plant sale is scheduled for Saturday from 10 to 2 at the greenhouse. Unusual houseplants, as well as fuchsias, geraniums and tomatoes will be offered.

On May 20 from 10 to 4, members will have a Tulip Festival open house and plant sale at the greenhouse. At this time, tulips in the public gardens are expected to be in full bloom.

Orin P. McCarty is chairman of both sales.

MAR 26 1984



Mark Mitchell

OPEN HOUSE and plant sale sponsored by the Springside Greenhouse Group yesterday attracted about 250 people. Theme of the open house was "It Might as Well be Spring."

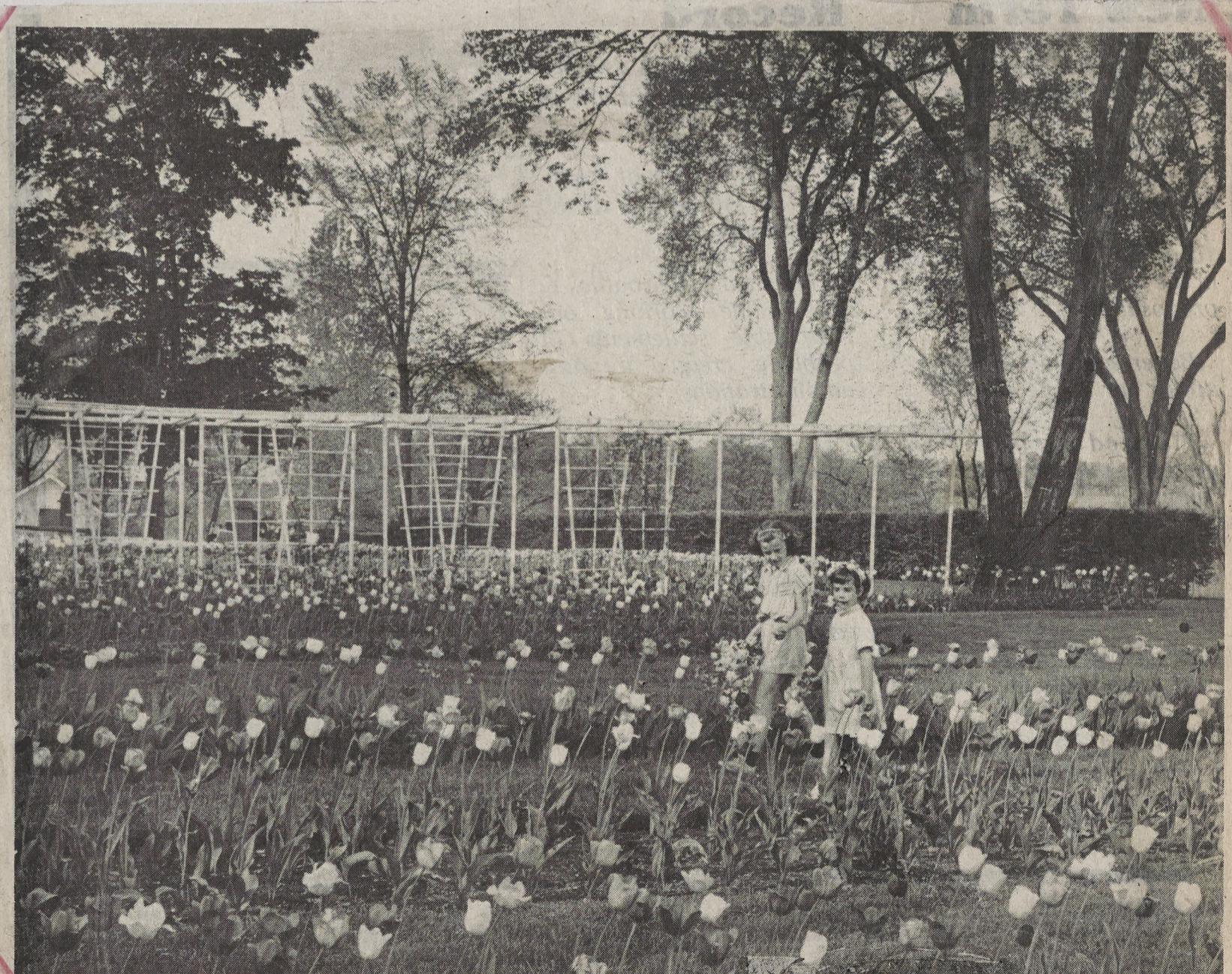
OCT 26 1984
Springside Garden Club
schedules fall lectures

The Springside Garden Club has scheduled three lectures on Wednesdays at 7:30 at Springside Greenhouse. The public is invited.

On Oct. 31, Ms. Marilyn Flor of Pleasant Valley Sanctuary, Lenox, will speak and give a slide presentation on plants that attract wildlife.

Miss Judy Becker of Lauray Greenhouse of Salisbury, Conn., will lecture on orchids on Nov. 7. She also will give a slide presentation.

Floral arrangements will be the topic on Nov. 14, when Mrs. Dorothy Hasencleaver of Chesterwood, Stockbridge, will present the program. Those attending are to bring containers and flower materials.



Tulip Time

The tulip beds at Springside House, annually a Pittsfield horticultural highlight, were at their colorful best in May 1960 when these two little girls went tripping among them. Currently, the tulips are just starting to bloom and should reach their peak in a week or so.

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Pontoosuc Sunset

*Despite its problems with weeds, a leaky dam and no bathhouse anymore,
Pontoosuc Lake still puts on some blazingly gorgeous sunsets.*

JUL 7 1984

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BRIGHT SUN made up for cool air yesterday as boys on school vacation played basketball at Clapp Park. The high temperature for the day was only 41 degrees, but the forecast for today is more sunlight and a high reaching toward the 50-degree mark.

Joel Librizzi

APR 19 1984



SHIRTLESS ballplayers could be observed on the Common yesterday as the temperature climbed to a high of 62 degrees for the second day in a row. Shown pitching the ball above is Ted Williams, 10, and the boy wielding the bat is Adam Levert, 13.

Joel Librizzi

APR 30 1984



Mark Mitchell

SUNWORSHIPPERS soaked it up Saturday at the frog pond at Springside Park. Left to right are Jennifer Whitehouse, Warren Halloran, David Stein and Terris Morris. Weekend's lovely weather is due to end today with increasing clouds.

MAY 12 1984



Cabbage Cap.

For a crazy hat contest at the Wilson Park playground some years back, this lad sported an organic model tastefully made mostly of cabbage leaves.

Saturday, June 2, 1984



Susan Plageman

Spring again

During yesterday's sunshine Megan Allessio, 4, of Dalton is utterly absorbed by a patch of wildflowers at Clapp Park.

Eagle Eye

By William H. Tague



Pre-video Game

In the long-gone days of the 1950s, before computerized video games, youngsters took their checkers fairly seriously. Today, many of them probably don't even know how to play. Intent on this game at the Common were Tommy Fleming, Nifty the dog, Jean Sobato, Nancy Wyman and Robert Mayo.



Volunteer

Boy-powered lawn mower went at a slow clip on the Common in the 1950s.



Entanglement

A couple of sports seem to have gotten themselves in a tangle on the Common in the 1950s. Another works on a wayward shoelace.



Susan Plageman

BREAK DANCER spins on a stage set up in Pitt Park at a Gather-In West Side community festival Saturday. The event was a revival of an annual tradition of the late 1960s and early 1970s. It also featured food, live music, a high school basketball tournament, voter registration and information booths set up by social service agencies.

JUN 9 1984

JUL 6 1984
City is offering special needs summer program

A summer recreation program for children with special needs will be held again this year at Highland Elementary School. Recreation Director John C. Marchesi has announced.

The program will be Mondays through Fridays from 10 to 3, beginning July 9 and ending Aug. 17.

Activities will include arts and crafts, games, trips to Onota Lake, a playground carnival, trips to Mountain Park, a track and field day and instruction in basic self-help skills, such as cooking.

Linda Ciliberti will direct the Highland staff. Group leaders will be Timothy Leskovitz, Lisa Ott, Donna Peaslee, Patricia Ventrini, Linda Watson and Michael Woodin.



Joel Librizzzi

Swinger

Thirteen-year-old Dawn Grimes rides toward the sky yesterday at Springside Park in Pittsfield.

Looking Back

50 Years Ago

Ann Gregory, Mary Murray, Barbara Komuniecki, Gertrude Hart, John Williams, Dolly Dalnan, Albert and Emery Eurbin, Patricia Myers and Margaret Guiltinan were winners of the playground mardi gras costume contest at Springside Park.

AUG 3 1984

AUG 7 1984 Carnival slated at special needs playground

The Department of Recreation's special needs playground program will hold its 14th annual carnival on Thursday from 11:30 to 2 at Highland School on Brooks Avenue.

The rain date for the carnival will be Friday at the same time.

Activities will include a variety of game booths with prizes, pony rides, a fortuneteller, face painting, balloons, hot dogs and orange juice, as well as a tag and book sale. A raffle will take place at 1:30.

All proceeds from the carnival will benefit the playground trip to Mountain Park in Holyoke.

10 Years Ago

Betty Burdick, Mark Pezzottini and William Jenkins won the women's, junior and men's singles titles in the Lee Kiwanis tournament. Billed as the town's first tennis tournament, the event attracted 48 players.

Jennifer A. Broyles and Kevin R. Delmolino, each 7 years old, were crowned queen and king, respectively, of the city playgrounds by Mayor Evan S. Dobelle in ceremonies at North Junior High School auditorium.

AUG 7 1984

AUG 8 1984 Looking Back

50 Years Ago

Catherine and Barbara Cominski, Virginia O'Neil, Margaret Wendell, Marjorie Turner, Elaine Gillette and Geraldine Breen were prizewinners at the largest doll show of the playground season staged at Coolidge Park.

AUG 15 1984
50 Years Ago

Paul Procopio, Linda Procopio, Mary Arpante and Michael Rohlfis were among the winners of a four-day playground pentathlon held at Clapp Park under the direction of playground leader Paul Perachi.



Joel Librizzi

SUMMERY SPIRIT was exhibited at Clapp Park by Pomeroy School 5th graders during their gym period yesterday when the unseasonal temperature reached 81 degrees. However, a cold snap is predicted to begin tomorrow night.

8—The Berkshire Eagle, Saturday, July 7, 1984

Eagle Eye

By William H. Tague



Sun Worshipper

An early disciple of the perfect tan roasts on a boulder at Onota lake 30 years ago. The boulder hasn't changed a bit.



Steamy Weather

Droves of swimmers soaked themselves at the public beach at Onota Lake in July 1957 during a muggy spell much like the one we have been having lately.

JAN 7 1984



Joel Librizzi

FLEECY CAPS and cloak were created by yesterday's snowfall for shepherd and sheep figures in the creche at Park Square in Pittsfield.

14—The Berkshire Eagle, Friday, April 6, 1984



Susan Plageman

Bunny's helpers

Exchange Club members fill plastic eggs with jelly beans in preparation for the annual city Easter egg hunt. They filled a total of 3,000 eggs at a meeting at the Stanley Club. The hunt will be Saturday, April 21, at 3 at Reid Junior High School.

25 Years Ago

Easter dawned bright and clear and cold, as special Easter services in Protestant and Catholic churches throughout Berkshire County attracted large crowds. Snowy grounds caused postponement of the annual Easter egg hunt at Clapp Park.

Reduced crowds enjoyed almost the best skiing of the season. Customers who arrived in Easter costume hats at several areas were awarded prizes.

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Easter bunny schedules visits

The Department of Recreation is sponsoring a schedule of visits from the Easter bunny to area children.

Twitch, the Easter bunny, will visit children at area elementary and nursery schools, hospitals and recreation agencies participating in the department's Easter visit week, scheduled April 9-13.

Twitch will be in the area to visit with children and extend invitations to the annual city Easter egg hunt to be held later this month.

Egg hunt is Saturday

The city's annual Easter egg hunt will be held Saturday at 3 behind Reid Middle School.

The event is sponsored by the Department of Recreation and the Pittsfield Exchange Club. The rain date is Easter Sunday at 3.

The hunt is open to boys and girls up to 9 years of age. The participants will be divided into the following age groups: 2 years and younger; 3 and 4; 5 and 6; 7 and 8, and 9 years. Prizes will be awarded in each age group to the children finding the largest and smallest eggs and also the golden egg, the silver egg and the black egg. Children are asked to bring their own baskets or bags.

APR 16 1984

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MAY 3 1984



Mark Mitchell

GETTING EGGS, the mostest the quickest, is the object of the annual Easter event in Pittsfield. Some 1,000 children com-

peted Saturday in various age groups. It's called an Easter egg hunt, but the eggs aren't really hidden.

OCT 11 1984 Pittsfield sets Oct. 30-31 dates for trick-or-treat, Halloween parade

Trick or treat night in Pittsfield will be Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 5 to 7.

The annual Halloween parade sponsored by the city Department of Recreation and The Berkshire Eagle is scheduled for Oct. 31 at 7.

After trick or treating, a screen-

ing of candy will be sponsored by the city's Department of Recreation and the Berkshire Association of Treasure Hunters from 7 to 9 at Springside House, the department's headquarters.

About half a dozen volunteers from the treasure hunters will inspect the candy with metal detectors. Last year, Berkshire Medical Center volunteered to X-ray the candy.

Mayor Charles L. Smith suggested children stay in their own neighborhoods, refrain from eating any candy until it is inspected, and urged parents to accompany their children.

Kelly Devanny, recreation supervisor, announced the plans for the annual celebrations. The parade up North Street, beginning at East Street, will include the usual contingents from elementary schools and high school bands.

Prizes for floats again will be awarded separately for those built by youths and those built by adults. Youth judges will select their favor-

ite floats. Three prizes will be awarded to bands.

Twenty-five individual prizes will be awarded to youngsters wearing the best or most original costumes.

In addition, a \$25 prize will be awarded for the best marching group in costume, and \$25 for the largest percentage of school enrollment to march in the parade.

Egg event draws 1,000

More than 1,000 children participated in the annual Easter egg hunt co-sponsored Saturday by the Department of Recreation and the Pittsfield Exchange Club.

"Twitch" the Easter Bunny was on hand to greet children as they arrived to compete in gathering up jelly bean and prize filled eggs.

Bonanza, Burger Chef, Burger King, Chilli's, the Hot Dog Ranch, McDonalds, Pizza Hut and Rax donated more than \$225 worth of food coupons included among egg fillers.

The Dan Zavatter Family spread the eggs and Debbie Forest served as "Twitch." During the past week, Diane Albano visited more than 500 area children dressed as "Twitch."

Winner of the specially marked eggs in each age group were:

Age 2 & Under — Jaired Lausier of New Jersey; Lysa Polanski, 21 Austin Ave.; Jacqueline Betit, 26 Crosby Place; Mathew Patry, 100 Cummings Ave.; Richard Kelly, 89 Memorial Drive.

Ages 3 & 4 — Antony Zavatter of New Jersey; Shana Parker, 107 Chapel St.; Ryan Tetlow, 7 Memorial Drive; Crissy Polanski, 21 Austin Ave.; Jason Reynolds, 11 Parker St.

Ages 5 & 6 — Mathew Rice, 26 Meadow Lane; Bobbie Siewert, 21 Clark Road; Jessie Robertson, 16 Noble Ave.; Graig Plumb, 385 Benedict Road; Beth Szymanski, 120 Seymour St.

Ages 7, 8 and 9 — Chris Scully, 68 Wesley Ave.; Jessica Virgilio, 30 Putnam Ave.; Tanya Arasimowicz, 223 Dalton Ave.; Desirae Randisi, 20 Edwards Ave.; Jennifer St. John, 130 Anita Drive.

OCT 26 1984 Halloween party Saturday at YMCA

The Pittsfield YMCA and Department of Recreation are co-sponsoring a Halloween party tomorrow for children of all ages. The activities, including a haunted house, costume party and games, will all take place at the Y between 10 and 2. The cost, including refreshments, is 50 cents per child.

Proceeds will help defray the cost of training programs for members of the Leaders Club.

Trick-or-treat tomorrow night in Pittsfield

Trick-or-treat night in Pittsfield will be tomorrow from 5 to 7 p.m. and following there will be a free safety check of candy.

The screening of candy is being sponsored by the Department of Recreation and the Berkshire Association of Treasure Hunters from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Springside House, 874 North St. Volunteers will inspect the candy with metal detectors. The inspection is free.

Mayor Charles L. Smith has suggested children stay in their own neighborhoods and refrain from eating candy until it has been inspected. He urged parents to accompany children to insure their safety.

OCT 29 1984

OCT 24 1984 Halloween party slated at Girls Club

The Pittsfield Girls Club and the Department of Recreation have scheduled a Halloween party for Monday at the Girls Club from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. It will be open to Girls Club members, both boys and girls, of kindergarten age and up.

Non-members who buy club memberships by Saturday will be able to attend, said Elizabeth Papirio, assistant director. The party will be free to members, but those attending must obtain tickets by Saturday, she said.

There will be costume judging, a hayride, a spook house, prizes and refreshments. Darth Vader will appear as a special guest.

OCT 23 1984 Final meeting tonight on Halloween Parade

The final planning session for the 40th annual Halloween Parade will be held this evening at Springside House at 874 North St., beginning at 7 for floats and 7:30 for bands and marching units.

Any group participating in the parade must have a representative present at the meeting for final instructions, the Department of Recreation said.

The Halloween Parade is co-sponsored by the Department of Recreation and The Berkshire Eagle and will be held Wednesday evening, Oct. 31.

OCT 08 1984 Meeting Wednesday on Halloween Parade

An organizational meeting for the 40th annual Halloween Parade will be held on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Springside House at 874 North St.

Any group wishing to participate in the parade must have a representative at the meeting, according to the city Department of Recreation, which is co-sponsor of the parade with The Berkshire Eagle.

Local organizations are invited to enter floats, bands or marching units in the parade. All entries are required to have a theme that is Halloween-related.

CYC Halloween party scheduled for Friday

The Catholic Youth Center will hold its traditional Halloween Party, co-sponsored by the Pittsfield Parks Department, Friday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The party is offered for children Grades 1 to 6. Admission is free, but children must be members to participate.

The Halloween party will include a scavenger hunt, beginning at 3:45, the traditional grand march, costume judging, games and prizes, haunted house, refreshments and fun.

Further information is available from the CYC. Registration must be made in advance.

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Susan Plageman

HILLSIDE CROWD of up to 1,000 watched last evening as the Velvet Knights, a drum and bugle corps from Anaheim, Calif., played and marched at Clapp Park. The free performance

was sponsored by the Pittsfield Fourth of July Parade Committee, which used a raffle to pay for police protection and cover other incidental costs of the event.

OCT 29 1984 Halloween Parade is Wednesday

The 40th annual Halloween Parade will kickoff at 7 Wednesday evening.

The parade will form on East Street, travel up North Street to Wahconah Street and end at Wahconah Park, according to the Department of Recreation, which, with The Berkshire Eagle, is sponsoring the event.

All bands and marching units will disperse at the park, the Recreation Department said. Floats are to drop off their riders and continue to their point of origin.

The reviewing stand will be in front of Appliance World at 180 North St. The parade will include bands, floats and marching units from local and area schools, as well as from other community organizations.

Floats constructed by adults and children will be judged in two separate categories, with prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50 in each. An award of \$25 will go to the float selected by youth judges as their favorite.

First, second and third-prize bands will receive awards of \$100, \$75 and \$50 respectively. The school or organization with the largest number of marchers, based on percentage of enrollment or membership, will receive a \$25 award. The same amount will go to the best

group of marchers dressed alike or portraying a theme.

In addition, judges stationed at the parade lineup will award gift certificates to 25 children in costume. The children will be given ribbons to wear on their costumes and will receive the certificates in the mail.

Lineup directions

The Recreation Department said that marching units and bands should line up on the south side of East Street, facing Park Square, no later than 6:30. Cars, trucks and other moving vehicles will be fed into the lineup from the parking lot on Willis Street.

Marchers and bands in Section I will line up from the corner of First and East streets to Bartlett Avenue, Section II from Bartlett Avenue to Pomeroy Avenue, Section III from Pomeroy Avenue to the Pittsfield High School driveway and Section IV from the PHS driveway to Appleton Avenue.

The department said that if it rains Wednesday night, changes in plans for the parade will be announced over radio stations by 5:30.

The line of march will be as follows:

SECTION I

Police car
Recreation Department car
Grand Marshal Sheriff Carmen C. Massimiano
Sheriff's car
VFW color guard
Fire Department vehicle and "Sparky"
Winter Carnival Queen
Pittsfield High School band
Pittsfield High School Cadettes
Morningside Community School float
Morningside march unit
WBEC van

SECTION II

Hoosac Valley Regional High School band
Sacred Heart School float
Sacred Heart School marching unit
Berkshire Athenaeum Bookmobile
Bookmobile marching unit
Pomeroy School float
Pomeroy School marching unit
Highland School marching unit

SECTION III

Wahconah Regional High School band
Williams School float
Williams School marching unit
Lebanon Valley High School band
Fourth of July Parade Committee float
Egremont School marching unit

SECTION IV

Lee High School band
West Side Community School float
Pilgrim Memorial Church float
Pilgrim Memorial Church marching unit
Taconic High School band
Police car

OCT 29 1984 100 attend party for Halloween at CYC

The Catholic Youth Center's Halloween Party, co-sponsored by the Pittsfield Parks Department, was attended by 100 boys and girls.

Costumes were judged in the following categories: funniest, cutest, scariest and most original. The winners were, respectively, Jamie-Ellen Durkee, Nickolas Trapani, Peter Croce, Matt McLaughlin. Each winner was given a \$5 gift certificate for Berkshire Sport-About.

Donations for the Halloween Party were from Burger King, McDonalds, Frito Lay Co., and Special Occasion Balloons."

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NOV 10 1984 10 Halloween winners may pick up prizes

Ten of the 25 children who won costume prizes in the Pittsfield Halloween Parade have not yet picked them up, Recreation Supervisor Kelly A. Devanny has announced.

The prizes, gift certificates to the Candy People store, can be picked up at Springside House, 874 North St., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Meeting set to plan for Halloween Parade

The Department of Recreation has announced plans for the first organizational meeting for the 40th annual Halloween Parade, which it sponsors jointly with The Berkshire Eagle.

The meeting will be Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Springside House at 874 North St. Schools, groups or organizations interested in participating in this year's parade with either a band, float or marching unit should send at least one representative to the meeting, the department said.

Interested groups unable to attend the meeting are asked to telephone the Recreation Office for further information.

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10 Years Ago

The 30th annual Halloween parade made its way gingerly up the east lane of North Street through a record crowd of spectators estimated by the parade committee at 40,000. Sixty-eight units marched in balmy 57-degree weather.

OCT 29 1984

Wednesday, October 31, 1984



Susan Plageman

MAKING SURE no foreign objects are in candy harvested last night by trick-or-treaters, John Barwick of the Berkshire Association of Treasurer Hunters applies a metal detector. The free service was supplied by volunteers last night at Springside House. The Recreation Department reported that more than 90 bags of Halloween treats were checked.



Susan Plageman
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COSTUMED CHARACTERS cavorting at the head of Pittsfield's Halloween Parade are, from left, David Phelps as Doc, one of the Seven Dwarfs; Thomas R. Lussier as Yogi Bear, Daniel Turner as Tweetie Bird, Grand Marshal and Sheriff Carmen C. Massimiano as a parrot and Frank Scago as a gorilla. Not shown is Evan S. Dobelle, costumed as a shaggy dog.

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Monday, November 26, 1984



Mark Mitchell

DECORATING TREE is Civil Defense Director Thomas Grizley, leaning from the "cherry picker" bucket in which he is riding with Joseph Chague, while Joseph Clark does his part from atop a stepladder.

New Christmas lights come to Park Square

Park Square will have new decorations this Christmas season.

City Civil Defense Director Thomas Grizley, who took over the Park Square decorating chore this year, decided it was time for a new look.

Gone are the large round lights that had been used on the tree for some years. "They didn't have any get up and go to them anymore," Grizley said.

In their place will be 800 conventional Christmas tree lights donated by Berkshire County Savings Bank. Grizley and his crew, working without pay for the last two Sundays, have strung the lights on a 26-foot blue spruce donated by Mrs. and Mrs. George Russo of 894 Holmes Road.

In addition, they have decorated the bare branches of eight of the maples circling the park with small white lights of the type that shine from the giant wreath hung on the wall of the bank and used to decorate the trees along North Street in the business district.

Grizley and seven CD officers worked from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Sunday Nov. 17, and again well into the dark yesterday to get the tree and the lights up with the help of the Civil Defense Department's old "cherry picker" truck. Last year the work was done by the city's Signal Division, which no longer exists.

Until 1978 the city Christmas tree was one chopped down each year for the occasion, except for the brief

and unpopular introduction of a plastic tree in 1976. It was replaced with the real thing within days of its installation. For the last five years the city had used a live evergreen donated by Berkshire Bank & Trust and planted in Park Square in 1978.

But Grizley was told by a nurseryman that its health might be jeopardized by using it for a Christmas tree again this year.

So Grizley made an appeal over local radio for a tree and within two hours he said he had seven offers.

Grizley said he expects the Park Square Christmas lights to be turned on sometime this week.

The Knights of Columbus will put up the creche scene on Saturday, and the city will hold the community Christmas sing the following week.

"We were very, very fortunate to have the Knights of Columbus step forward and carry the ball for us," said Vincent J. Hebert, director of community services.

He was referring to the church-state controversy that has swirled around creche scenes and similar displays.

Rhode Island

Nativity scene returns, legally this time

PAWTUCKET (UPI) — A 17-piece Nativity scene, painted in burnished golds and browns, lay in a semi-circle yesterday against the peaceful backdrop of the Blackstone River and an 18th-century clapboard mill.

The city-owned Nativity scene is back, legally, and many Pawtucket residents couldn't be happier. The Supreme Court ended four years of court battles last March when it ruled that government-owned Nativity scenes do not violate the separation of church and state doctrine.

The 5-4 ruling declared that the Constitution does not "require complete separation of church and state" but calls for "accommodation, not merely tolerance of all religions, and forbids hostility toward any."

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Ghost Watchers

Observing the Pittsfield Halloween parade on North Street, young sport has his bicycle at the ready in case rapid movement is indicated.



Susan Plageman

Payoff for goblins OCT 31 1984

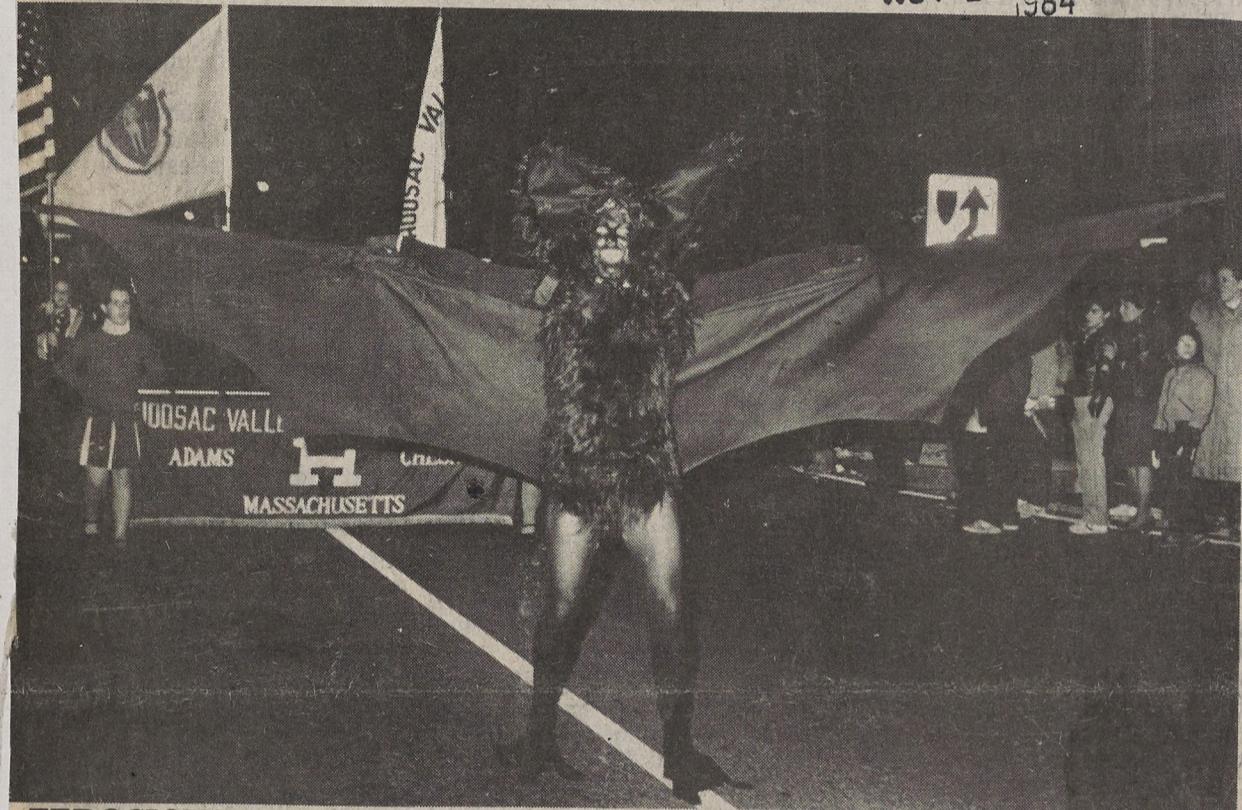
Marguerite Dellea of 163 Stoddard Ave. gives treats to youngsters celebrating trick-or-treat night. The kids, clockwise from right, are Keri Purcell, Ryan March, Nicole March and Shaun Francis.



Photos by Susan Plageman

'FRANK'S PLACE' float entered by West Side Community School won first prize in its category and was the favorite of the youth judges at the 40th annual Halloween Parade in Pittsfield last night.

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FEROCIOUS AND FURRY in his elaborate bat costume, Morgan Davis swoops down North Street in front of the Hoosac Valley High School band.

Crowd of 12,000 watches annual Halloween Parade

By Debra DiMassimo

A traditional assortment of witches, ghosts and pumpkins romped along North Street before a crowd estimated at 12,000 last night for Pittsfield's 40th annual Halloween Parade sponsored by the Department of Recreation and The Berkshire Eagle.

West Side Community School took two top prizes with its "Frank's

Place" float, featuring a giant Frankenstein monster in a cemetery with tombstones bearing such messages as "My plot or yours?", "Tomb it may concern" and "Grave Lee Ill." The school won the \$100 first prize in the adult-built category and was the top choice of a panel of youth judges.

Second prize of \$50 in the adult category went to the Pittsfield Fourth of July Parade Committee's "Is It Soup Yet?" float. A cackling witch stirred up a beastly brew of children sitting in large black pot, under the supervision of a vulture with flapping wings.

Morningside Community School received the \$25 third prize for its "Monsters' Holiday" entry, which included a solemn-looking little girl whose head rested on a platter on an elaborately set dinner table she

was perched beneath.

In the child-built float category, Williams School took first prize with its rolling cemetery, Sacred Heart School was second with a large orange pumpkin decorated with more than 500 crepe paper flowers and Pomeroy School's "Thriller Buster Graveyard" won third prize. Pilgrim Memorial Church's "Trick or Treat" float won an honorable mention.

Float judges

Float judges were Susan R. Lamshire-Kates, James J. Mooney and James J. McNeice, directors of the Girls Club, Boys' Club and Catholic Youth Center, respectively. Youth judges were Heather Rose Williamson, Kim Gero and David and Paul Lamon.

Winning bands, judged by Alexander A. Quaglietti, James A. Penoyer and Donald L. Coleman, were those from Lee High School, Hoosac Valley High School and Pittsfield High School. The bands won \$100, \$50 and \$25, respectively.

Egremont School's flock of eagles, bedecked in brown garbage bags, bright orange bills and white hats, soared past the reviewing stand in front of Appliance World with wings flapping. The eaglets won the \$25 prize for the best group of costumed marchers.

Highland School won a \$25 prize for having the most marchers, based on a percentage of the school's enrollment.

At the parade lineup area on East Street, 25 children deemed to have the best costumes were given ribbons to wear and \$2 gift certificates from The Candy People store at 159 North St.

The parade marshal, Sheriff Carmen C. Massimiano, led off the parade costumed as a large green and gold parrot, accompanied by Tweety Bird, Yogi Bear, a shaggy dog, a gorilla and Doc, one of the Seven Dwarfs.

Tree lighting set Thursday at square

The Pittsfield Department of Recreation has announced that the official lighting of the Christmas tree and creche at Park Square will take place Thursday evening at 7.

The creche was erected by members of the Knights of Columbus, under the direction of Frank Carnevale, while the tree decorations were put up by Pittsfield's Civil Defense Department.

Recreation Director John C. Marchesi said the Pittsfield High School Band will perform and Paul Nixon will lead a community carol sing. Mayor Charles L. Smith and Park Commission Chairman Clifford J. Nilan will speak.

DEC 4 1984

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Mark Mitchell

CHRISTMAS CRECHE was erected in Park Square Saturday by the Pittsfield Knights of Columbus as part of the city holiday themes coordinated by the city Recreation Department.

DEC 7 1984
No tree lighting
to be held this year

Pittsfield's annual tree-lighting ceremony at Park Square, canceled last night because of the weather, will not be rescheduled, according to Recreation Director John C. Marchesi.

Marchesi, noting that the tree and creche lights have been turned on for a couple of weeks, said organizers decided not to try to hold the ceremony on another night.

Pittsfield, Massachusetts, Saturday, December 8, 1984



Joel Librizzi

Christmas lights

Park Square lights have an ethereal quality in this picture taken at midnight Wednesday.

DEC 12 1984
**Santa phone calls
again offered by
Recreation Dept.**

Volunteer Santas and operators will again be making personal phone calls to Pittsfield children as part of the Department of Recreation's third annual "North Pole Calling" program on Monday and Tuesday from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Information sheets on the program have been sent home with children in kindergarten and Grade 1. Forms also are available at the Recreation Department office at 874 North St. and should be returned no later than Friday.

Parents will be asked to list the child's name, age, school, gifts requested, gifts he or she will receive, brothers, sisters and pets' names and suggestions for possible remarks. Volunteers will use the information to develop conversations with children and help discourage unrealistic expectations.

Berkshire County Savings Bank has offered the use of its telephones and more than 25 volunteers from the Berkshire Chapter 65 of Vietnam Veterans of America, City Hall and the Recreation Department will donate their time.

Last year, more than 500 children received telephone calls from Santa Claus.

DEC 15 1984



Joel Librizzi

DOING HIS BIT to brighten up the rear of Park Square's nativity scene is Daniel M. O'Connell, director of Berkshire Artisans, putting finishing touches on sign he created.

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**500 youngsters
talk to Santa Claus**

More than 500 city youngsters talked to Santa Claus on Monday and Tuesday through the city Department of Recreation's annual North Pole Calling program.

Twenty-eight volunteer Santas and operators from Berkshire County Savings Bank, Berkshire Chapter 65 of Vietnam Veterans of America, Boys' Club, RSVP, City Hall and the Recreation Department combined to donate more than 90 hours to reach children with a telephone call from Santa at the North Pole.

The 325 calls were made at Berkshire County Savings Bank as part of the third annual North Pole Calling program.

July 4th Parade Committee seeks new competition date

The Pittsfield July 4th Parade Committee has abandoned its proposal to stage its "Precision & Pageantry" drum and bugle corps competition in Wahconah Park on July 4.

But there is a glimmer of hope that the show will go on, according to James L. Brassard, public relations director for the committee. Drum Corps International, the or-

ganization that schedules tours for member corps and dictated the original July 4 date, is trying to reschedule the event for Friday, July 6, he said.

The committee sponsors the competition each year as a fund-raiser for the July 4 parade. Last year, the event generated a net profit of \$6,000.

In giving up the July 4 date, the

committee yielded to the Gillette Carnival, an event that has taken place in Wahconah Park on Independence Day for many years. It is staged by Jules E. Gillette of Peck's Road, who donates \$3,500 of the proceeds to the city's Babe Ruth League and provides two free nights of fireworks at a cost of \$1,750 each night.

Brassard said the committee met on Dec. 19 with Gillette, who "tried to be very accommodating." He offered to reduce the fireworks display and music, according to Brassard.

Nonetheless, Brassard said, "We realized there was no way we could put on a competition. We're talking about 50 buses and tractor-trailers."

The press of people attending the two events — 5,000 attended the drum corps competition alone last year — would present "a massive security problem that we don't even want to think about," Brassard said.

In addition, he said, the lights and noises associated with the carnival would be "extremely distracting" for participants in the event, which he likened to a competitive sport.

The July 6 date remains tentative. It would involve sandwiching a Pittsfield visit between a Thursday performance in Boston and a Saturday performance in Allentown, Pa., according to Brassard. It may also mean a line-up of corps other than the ones that had been scheduled to appear July 4, Brassard said. The original roster was to include nine of the world's top-ranked 25 teams.

The committee is flattered that Drum Corps International would even consider working Pittsfield in on the 6th, Brassard said. "We evidently have some friends on the board of directors," he said.

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CHRISTMAS TREE IS TOSSED into pile in parking lot at Wahconah Park, where Pittsfield American Legion Post 68

will hold its annual bonfire Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Trees also may be brought to the Vicon incinerator for disposal.

Carnival date change averts 4th of July drum corps conflict

In the spirit of showmanship, Jules E. Gillette has decided to hold his annual carnival at Wahconah Park in August instead of on July 3 and 4, clearing the field for the Pittsfield Fourth of July Parade Committee's "Precision and Pageantry '84" drum and bugle corps competition July 4.

Despite the change in plans, Gillette will provide the city with a free night of fireworks at the park on July 3 and will honor his commitment to donate \$3,500 from the carnival proceeds to the Babe Ruth League, Director of Community Services Vincent J. Hebert told the Park Commission last night.

Gillette, in a telephone interview after the meeting, said, "My wife and I decided this is the best thing for the city."

Except for several years when it was held at the General Electric Athletic Association property, the carnival has been a tradition at Wahconah Park since 1949, according to Gillette.

Good news

The carnival operator's action was good news for the Park Commission, which had been reluctant to decide between the carnival and

the drum corps competition, the chief fund-raiser for Pittsfield's Fourth of July Parade.

In early January, the Fourth of July Parade Committee announced it was abandoning its plans to stage the competition because Drum Corps International, the organization that schedules tours for member corps, was unable to arrange an alternate date for the Pittsfield event.

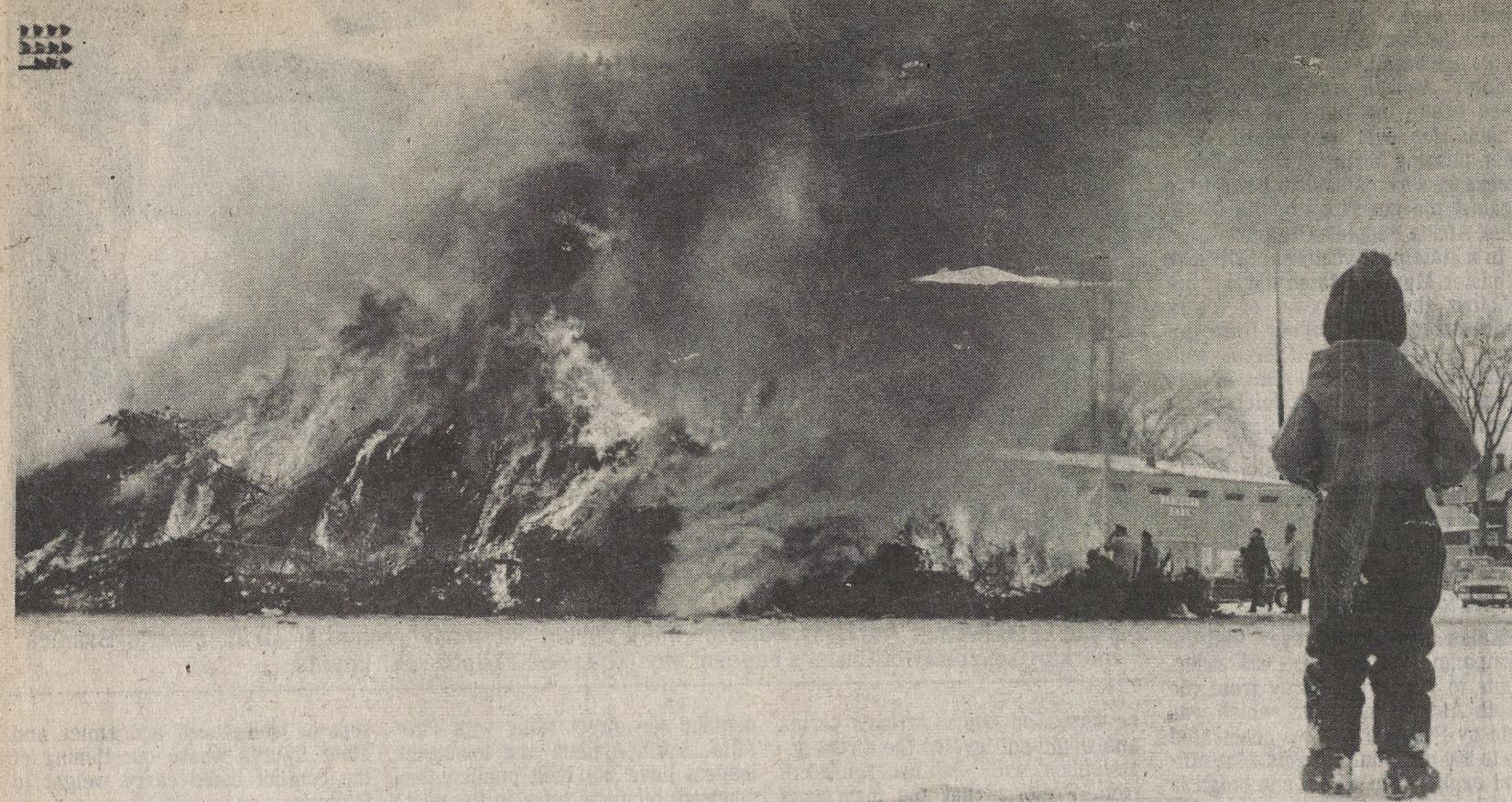
Entire lot needed

Despite Gillette's offer to reduce the fireworks display and turn off music during the competition, the committee contended that it needed the entire parking lot at Wahconah to accommodate approximately 50 buses and tractor-trailers. In addition, about 5,000 spectators attended last year's competition, which raised about \$6,000.

At last night's Park Commission meeting, member Paula J. Virgilio suggested that the commission send a letter of appreciation to Gillette for his cooperation.

Mayor Charles L. Smith, contacted last night, said of Gillette, "Thanks to his generosity and unselfishness, everything's going to work out."

Joel Librizzi



Mark Mitchell

Christmas finale

James Rand, 5, of Wahconah Street gets a ringside seat for American Legion Post 68's annual Christmas tree roundup. The

Pittsfield Fire Department assisted at the bonfire at Wahconah Park. Other trees were burned at the Vicon incinerator.

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Fog strands helicopter at Wahconah park

A New England Life Flight helicopter that flew to Pittsfield to pick up a patient from Berkshire Medical Center was stranded by fog at the rear of the Wahconah Park parking lot last night.

A Pittsfield Police cruiser was standing by the chopper at about 10:30 last night to ward off any potential vandals. A police officer said a state police cruiser from the Pittsfield barracks was to relieve him shortly and stand guard all night. He did not have any additional information, he said.

The helicopter had "University of Massachusetts Medical Center" written on the side.

Eight world-ranked drum corps to perform in July 4 event here

The Pittsfield Fourth of July Parade Committee yesterday announced a lineup of eight corps for the third annual Precision & Pageantry Drum Corps Competition scheduled for Wednesday, July 4, at 7:15 p.m. in Wahconah Park.

Sanctioned by Drum Corps International, the event will feature Spirit of Atlanta, Atlanta, Ga.; Suncoast Sound, Tampa, Fla.; Crossmen, Philadelphia, Pa.; Alliance, Greater Boston; Pride of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio; the Knights, Geneseo, Ill.; Avant Garde, Saratoga, N.Y., and the Grenadiers, Long Island.

The Spirit of Atlanta and Suncoast Sound corps are ranked sixth and seventh internationally, according to James Brassard, public relations director of the parade committee. He said all eight competing corps have world rankings in the top 25.

Appearing in a pre-show exhibition will be the Eagles of Central New York.

Precision & Pageantry is a major fund-raiser of the parade committee. It is expected that most, if not all, of the corps in the competition will take part in the annual Fourth of July parade.

Arrangements for the show were made at the second annual Drum Corps International Convention in Chicago attended by three members of the parade committee. The three were Brassard, president Beverly Chartier and music chairman Ray Pulver Jr.

The competition had been canceled temporarily when a conflict arose with the Gillette Carnival over the use of Wahconah Park on July 4. Because of the tight schedule of the touring corps, Drum Corps International was unable to resched-

ule the Pittsfield stop. Through the efforts of Mayor Charles Smith, the carnival opted for a different date, thus allowing the parade committee to restore the original plans.

Ticket prices for the competition are \$7 in advance and \$8 on the day of the show. Brassard said advance tickets may be ordered by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Precision & Pageantry, P.O. Box 621, Pittsfield 01202.

The Alliance of Greater Boston will renew its relationship with the Pittsfield area this weekend when the corps conducts a "camp" at the Berkshire Community College field house. Director Frank Mahoney said he is looking for new members and would be happy to talk with any area youths interested in joining.

He said the public is welcome to stop by, meet the corps members and staff and watch them perform.

MAR 7 1984

City pro baseball proposal is alive once more

By Bob McDonough

Around this time of year, you expect certain things to pop up, like Valentines, potholes and news that a minor league baseball team is expressing interest in moving into Wahconah Park.

The potholes are already in abundance, the Valentines arrived today, and the news came yesterday that the Utica (N.Y.) Blue Sox of the Class A New York-Penn League are considering a move to Pittsfield and Wahconah Park, which has been without professional baseball since the Milwaukee Brewers' Class AA franchise moved out in 1976.

Miles Wolff, president of the Utica team, is expected in Pittsfield today to meet with Community Development Commissioner William J. Angelo to talk over the possibility of moving his team here. Another principal of the Utica team is Roger Kahn, author of the best-selling "The Boys of Summer."

Professional baseball at Wahconah Park was barred after a \$700,000 federal grant helped pay for extensive renovations there in the late 1970s. That ban was relaxed by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development last March.

Associated Press reported yesterday that the New York-Penn League governing body, at a meeting Sunday in Buffalo, N.Y., tabled Wolff's formal request to move the team to Pittsfield.

The Blue Sox won the New York-Penn League title last season. Unlike most minor league teams, the Blue Sox are unaffiliated with any Major League Baseball team, and have played for many seasons at the dilapidated 2,500-seat Murnane Field in Utica. That field is owned by the Utica Board of Education, and is used by teams from Utica Free Academy, one of three high schools in the city of about 73,000 population.

According to John Appenzato, county government re-

porter for the Utica Daily Press, the school board has expressed willingness to turn the park over to the city (which would in turn renovate the facility) as long as the field can still be used by the school athletes. Wolff has told city officials that if the field cannot be renovated, he wants to move the team to Pittsfield.

Yesterday, however, Utica Mayor Louis LaPolla met with officials of the school board and the baseball team, and reported after the meeting that the Blue Sox indicated they would stay this season if minor repairs can be completed at Murnane Field.

The New York-Penn League officials had tabled Wolff's request to move the team so that meetings could be held this week among the principal parties in Utica. Mayor LaPolla told reporters yesterday that he expects the situation to be resolved by the end of this week.

In Pittsfield, Angelo said yesterday that Wolff prom-

ised that if the team were to come to Pittsfield, it would pay the Wahconah Park light bill for July and August (when local youth leagues use the facility) and that Blue Sox staff would conduct baseball clinics for local youngsters.

Last May, a Parks Commission public hearing on a proposal to bring a pro baseball team to Pittsfield drew only 12 people, and three of four speakers at the hearing opposed the proposal. They cited fears that the pro team would end up costing the city money and prevent youth teams from playing at Wahconah Park.

Angelo said yesterday that any lease arrangement with a pro team would bear in mind the concerns voiced at the public hearing.

Wolff last year reported that his team attracted about 1,000 fans for each home game. In its final year in Pittsfield the Class AA team averaged about 300, and had as few as 62.

FEB 14 1984

Class A baseball team elects to stay in Utica

By Bob McDonough

If you want to see baseball at Wahconah Park this summer, you're going to have to settle for Babe Ruth League or American Legion.

The possibility that the Utica (N.Y.) Blue Sox of the Class A New York-Penn League might move to Pittsfield this year ended yesterday when the Blue Sox agreed to stay in Utica for the 1985 season.

The team had threatened to leave the New York city unless improvements were made at the 2,500-seat Murnane Field. An agreement for the improvements was reached yesterday in a 90-minute, closed-door meeting that involved Utica Mayor Louis LaPolla, New York-Penn League president Vince McNamara, county government and school board officials and the Blue Sox general manager.

"The final resolution is they will stay in 1984, and we'll work for improvements in 1985," a joyful LaPolla said following the meeting. "We're just thrilled."

LaPolla said the resolution came after a series of "10 or 12 meetings." He said the city agreed to make "minor renovations" to the stadium this year, and that "commitments will be worked out in the next several months" among government agencies and the team about possible further improvements.

"We knew it would be an uphill fight," said a disappointed William J. Angelo, Pittsfield Community Development Commissioner, who had spearheaded the city's talks with the Blue Sox. "[The Blue Sox] were happy in Utica, it was just a problem involving the field. We're happy for them."

As for the future of pro sports at Wahconah Park, Angelo said, "We won't give up." He said the city might explore the possibility of creating a new baseball franchise, or maybe bring in a football or soccer team. Any such move, he emphasized, would come about only with public approval.

FEB 18 1984

All-star game tomorrow will be at Wahconah Park

MAY 4 1984

The second annual Pete Cimini Scholarship All-Star Game is sched-

uled for tomorrow at 2, and it will be played at Wahconah Park.

The senior all-star game, which matches players from the Northern Division of the Berkshire Hills Baseball Conference against players from the South, was originally slated for Wahconah Park. But field troubles there had left the game site in doubt until yesterday, when Wahconah Regional athletic director Tom Potter, the all-star game director, and Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Department director John Marchesi agreed that the field is now playable.

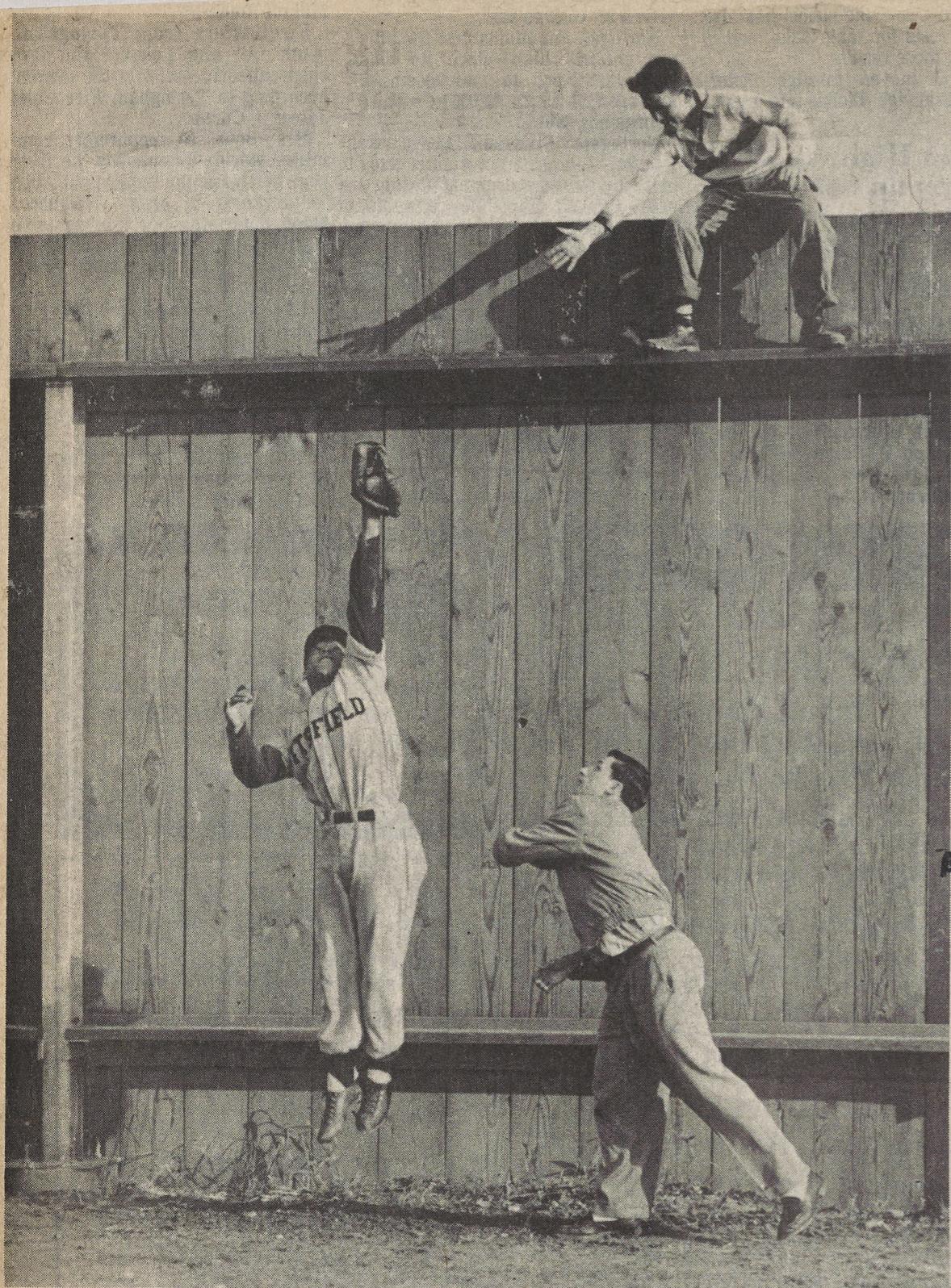
Due to water problems in the park after last fall's football season and a rainy stretch of weather last month, the Park Department could not get heavy equipment onto the field to remove the football bleachers until earlier this week. The all-star game will be the first baseball game played in Wahconah Park this spring.

Team rosters for the game were also announced last night, with each of the county's 12 teams sending three senior representatives to the contest.

The North will include Tom Pia, Paul Gaylord and Kevin Broderick of Pittsfield, Matt Sheran, Pat Anello and John Larkin of Taconic, Mike Gallagher, Jim Duquette and Tim Brophy of Wahconah, Kevin Chenail, Karl Belouin and Wayne Horton of Drury, Shaun McLaughlin, Bob Woodin and Chris Barbarotta of St. Joseph's, and Mike Petithory, Mark Lancia and Dan Kolis of Hoosac Valley. The North will be coached by Don Murphy of Taconic and Bob Moynihan of Pittsfield, whose teams finished 1-2 in the division last year.

The Southern all-stars will include Matt Collins, Bill Bartini and Jeff Holmes of Lee, Frank Daly, Dan Downer and Pat Mooney of Lenox, Henry Gibson, Gary Blanchette and Rick Toniatti of McCann Tech, Ken Rivera, Bruce Morelli and Mike Lucey of Monument Mountain, Jim Siciliano, Greg Gaver and Al Voelker of Mount Greylock, and Todd Ranolde, Mark Amstead and Duane Lanoue of Mount Everett. Al Cece of defending division champ Monument will be the head coach, while Lee's Dick Lenfest and Lenox's Carl Boteze, whose teams tied for second last season, will be the assistants.

The South defeated the North 7-3 in the inaugural game last year. The event is named for former Wahconah coach Pete Cimini, who died in 1980, and all proceeds go to a scholarship fund established in his honor.



Long fly ball at Wahconah Park is snared spectacularly by high school outfielder during batting practice in this 1950s shot. Two spectators were ready to assist in case the ball came their way.

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In 1965, when the Boston Red Sox had a farm team based in Pittsfield, fans sometimes packed Wahconah Park. Subsequent major league stars George Scott and Reggie Smith played on that team.



THE USUAL LAKE that replaces the parking lot at Wahconah Park in wet weather returned on schedule this week. But

while the lot was under water, the expensively renovated baseball field inside was, for the most part, sitting high and dry.

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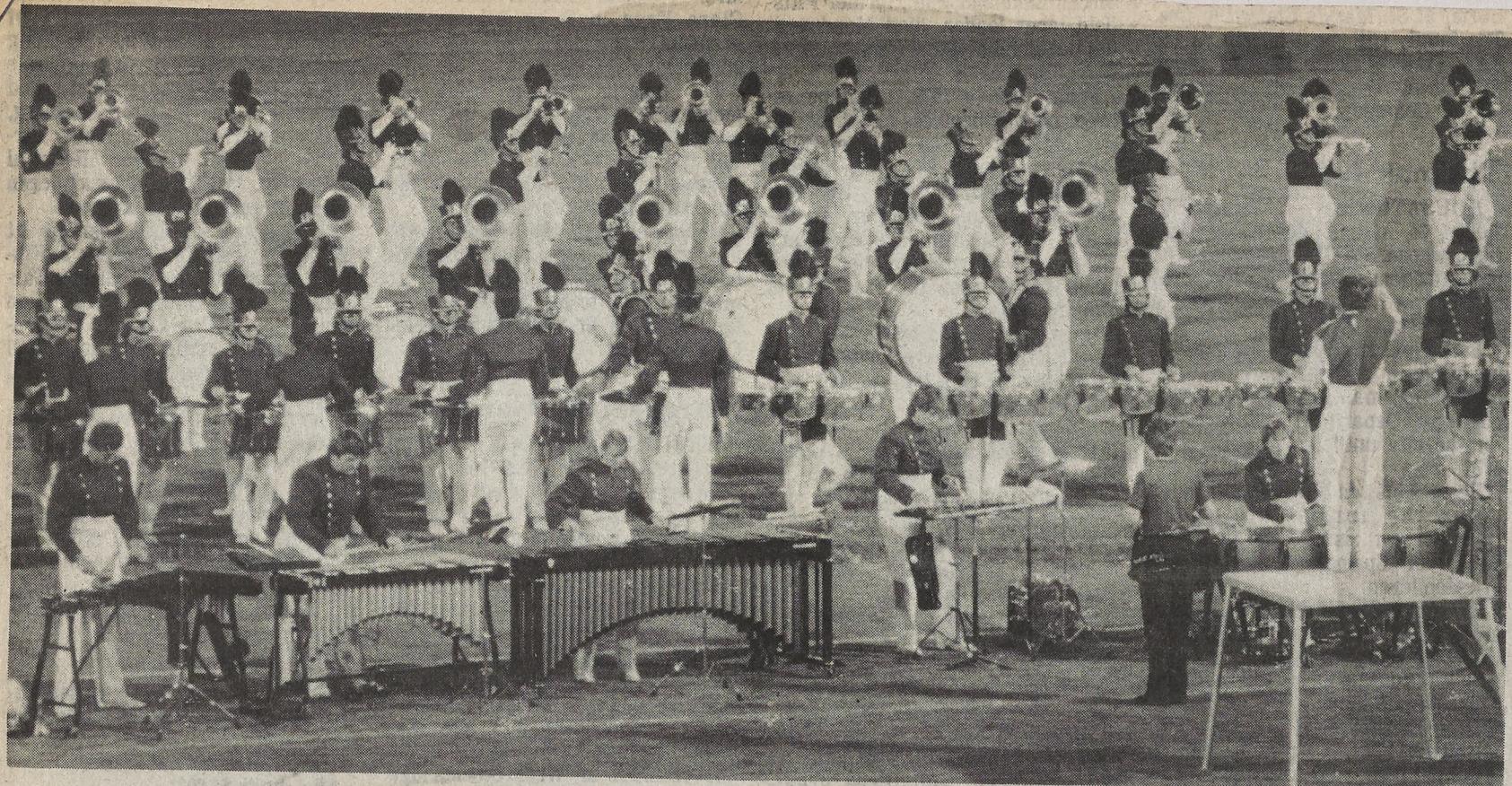
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It's time to celebrate

A pressurized water bottle has to replace the traditional champagne cork when the celebrants are in high school, but the emotions are the same as in the big leagues as members of the Pittsfield High baseball team rush to greet pitcher Mike

O'Hagerty and catcher Jim Collins, at far right, following Saturday's Western Mass. championship win. The Generals won their second Western Mass. title in three years by beating Chicopee Comp 7-3 at Wahconah Park.

Photos By Susan Plageman



CORPS FROM FLORIDA that captured first place received an enthusiastic reception from the capacity crowd at

Wahconah Park last night attending Precision & Pageantry '84, an annual fund-raiser for the parade committee.

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WAHCONAH PARK Record crowd was present for July 4 event

A record crowd of about 5,600 viewed the Pittsfield Fourth of July Parade Committee's Precision & Pageantry '84 drum and bugle corps competition at Wahconah Park Wednesday night, according to committee President Beverly A. Chartier.

Tickets were sold out — for the first time in the three-year history of the competition — shortly after the event started, but a number of people were admitted on a standing-room-only basis, Mrs. Chartier said. She added that many of those she spoke to at the gate had driven 40 or 50 miles.

Although final figures are not yet available, profits are expected to be in the vicinity of \$6,000, Mrs. Chartier said. The competition is the parade committee's chief fund-raiser.

The committee grossed about \$7,000, at \$1 per ticket, on a raffle for a top prize of \$1,000. Winner was Gerald Davis of 114 Linden St.

A "50-50" raffle held during the competition, with tickets selling for 50 cents each or three for \$1, raised an additional \$1,500. Walter Kotowicz of 66 Pine St. will split that amount with the parade committee.

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SAILING AWAY from Post 68 second baseman Tim Brennan, right, this throw heads into short center field as Dalton's Jim Duquette pulls up with stolen base during American Legion game last night at Wahconah Park. Post 68 defeated Dalton 5-0.



SIDESTEPPING a lunging tag by Dalton catcher Tim Wells, Tim Brennan of Post 68 scores a second-inning run on a single by Mike Donati during last night's American Legion game at Wahconah Park. Post 68 defeated Dalton 5-0.

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Opening day ballet

Taconic's Danny Kays, center, and Pittsfield High's Paul Bowlby, partially obscured at left, collide while going for a loose ball as Taconic's Steve Blood, right, looks on during soccer scrimmage last night at Wahconah Park. The scrimmage was the first half of a benefit double-header, while Berkshire Community College played the Teo's International Soccer Club in the nightcap. The program, sponsored by Teo's Restaurant, drew a crowd of about 400, and all proceeds went to the PHS, Taconic and BCC soccer programs.

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RELOCATED PRESS BOX for football at Wahconah Park is now on a permanent base behind the outfield wall, on the opposite side of the football field from its previous portable location. In previous years, the movement of the press box in and out of the park caused damage to the baseball infield. Here, city crews are shown using a crane and welding tools during yesterday's work on the project, which is expected to be completed this week.



Leg Hold

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In an earlier time on the gridiron, the 1950s, uniforms lacked the sophisticated technology of today's gear, but the play at Wahconah Park was just as spirited. In this instance, ball carrier's pants are impeding his forward progress.



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But he couldn't hold on

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In position for the catch is St. Joseph's end Tony Trzcinka, who has a step on Mount Greylock defender Everett Fuller in the second quarter of Saturday night's contest at Wahconah Park.

Trzcinka, however, couldn't hang on to the pass thrown by Crusader quarterback Jim Herrick. Action came during Mount Greylock's 21-0 victory.

City officials will talk of pro baseball today

By Bob McDonough

Pittsfield city officials are prepared to meet today with baseball entrepreneur Miles Wolff and Eastern League President Charlie Eshbach to discuss the possibility of moving an Eastern League baseball franchise into Wahconah Park next year.

The meeting involving Wolff, one of his business partners, Eshbach, Mayor Charles L. Smith and Community Development Director William Angelo is scheduled for 1 p.m. at City Hall.

Wolff, the publisher of "Baseball America" magazine and owner of several minor league teams, recently purchased the Buffalo Bisons' Eastern League franchise. Buffalo, however, will have a Class AAA team next season, so the Class AA Bisons — affiliated last year with the Cleveland Indians — must seek a new home. Pittsfield is among the cities being considered.

In March, Wolff had looked at Pittsfield as a possible new home for his Utica, N.Y., franchise in the Class A

New York-Penn League, but the team instead remained in Utica.

Although several businessmen have investigated the possibility of moving a team into Wahconah Park in recent years, there has been no professional baseball there since the Berkshire Brewers Eastern League team played its last game in 1976.

After major federally-funded renovations at the park were completed in 1977, the Department of Housing and Urban Development prohibited any use of the park

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for professional baseball, but the agency has since relaxed that ruling.

Angelo said yesterday that HUD has already given clearance to use the park for Class AA ball.

When professional baseball was suggested for Wahconah Park in 1983, most people at a poorly-attended public hearing at City Hall spoke against the proposal, citing poor attendance at previous minor league games there and claiming that the pro team would take away use of the park by local teams.

Wahconah Park rowdyism brings criticism of police.

By Robert M. McDonough

Insufficient police supervision has been blamed for vandalism, at least one beating and rowdy behavior at nighttime football games at Wahconah Park this season.

Pittsfield school officials yesterday charged that the Pittsfield police department has not provided the promised manpower for Friday-night games at the park.

As a result, a girl was reportedly beaten in the ladies' room at the park despite pleas for help during the Pittsfield-Taconic game Sept. 14. At the same game, bicycle-riding youths did minor damage inside the stadium and four people were arrested outside the stadium for disorderly behavior following the game, forcing extra police to be called to the scene.

Staffing 'mixups'

A Pittsfield police spokesman yesterday said there have been "a couple of mixups" regarding the staffing of the games, but denied that any promised contingent of police has failed to appear for duty at the park.

The problem was discussed yesterday during a meeting at Pittsfield High regarding use of the park. Attending the meeting were Pittsfield High Principal William P. Coan; Taconic Principal Mark N. Matthews; Athletic Directors Edward W. Daley of PHS, Walter R. Biron of Taconic and Mark Brazeau of St. Joseph's; Parks Commission Chairman Clifford Nilan; Director of Recreation John C. Marchesi, and Pittsfield Police Sgt. Gerald M. Lee.

The main purpose of the meeting was to deal with limiting use of the field, which is prone to turning into a mudbowl in wet weather. It was during this discussion, however, that the problem of police supervision surfaced.

According to Coan and Matthews, a contingent of four to five police officers were requested to work at the

McCaffrey said he received sev-

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eral complaints from parents following the Pittsfield-Taconic game, especially over the incident in the ladies' room, where a PHS girl was allegedly beaten by several other girls.

Responding to a hint that the police might be intentionally ducking the Wahconah Park duty, Spezzaferro said, "Absolutely not. This is voluntary overtime. There is no type of conspiracy or any of that nonsense."

Lee, who filled in for Spezzaferro at yesterday's meeting, said he thought there was some mixup regarding the dates of the assignments, since there were games both Friday and Saturday nights the past two weekends.

Lee also suggested that any problem might be solved by transferring the money that is used to pay the police from the school department account to the police department account, so the Wahconah Park duty could be made a regular assignment rather than voluntary overtime.

Spezzaferro said he couldn't obtain the duty rosters to check on the past two Fridays until sometime today, but said three officers — Ralph Pisani, Michael Case and Alan Cook — are listed for duty at tonight's game between Taconic and Drury.

"As long as they give the coverage, that's what we're concerned about," Coan said.

Communication error

"There were couple of mixups, a few games we weren't told about," Spezzaferro said. "Whether the mixup was with my men or there [with the schools], when we promise the men, they'll be there . . . I would say there's an error somewhere in communication. We just don't operate that way. If we end up short, I call the sheriffs myself."

The Wahconah Park duty is voluntary overtime for the police, for which each officer is paid \$14.50 per hour. Still, because of the frequent problems at the park, Pittsfield City Concilor James R. McCaffrey said "Friday-night football is not considered one of their choice assignments."

McCaffrey said he received sev-

OCT 09 1984 Park meeting is tonight to decide on pro baseball

The Pittsfield Parks Commission is scheduled to meet tonight at 7:30 at Springside House to decide whether to give the go-ahead for professional baseball at Wahconah Park next spring.

Baseball entrepreneur Miles Wolff of Durham, N.C., and business partner Stuart Revo have proposed to move the former Buffalo Bisons franchise of the Class AA Eastern League to Pittsfield for the 1985 season.

Their plan has already been greeted with open arms by Mayor Charles L. Smith, who said tonight's Parks Commission meeting will be the public's only forum to issue any pros or cons on the matter. Commission Chairman Clifford J. Nilan said he is already in favor of the plan, and no opposition is expected from the other members.

The only other hurdles that the plan must clear are formal approval from the Eastern League (already conceded to be a rubber stamp) and settlement of a lease arrangement with the city.

Wolff and Revo, who visited the city last week, said they will appear at tonight's meeting to answer any questions from the public. The two have already said they plan to stay in Pittsfield only one year, then move the team to a new stadium in Binghamton, N.Y.

City plays ball with backers' plan to try Eastern League team here

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By Bob McDonough

It appears that after an 8-year absence, professional baseball will return to Wahconah Park next spring — at least for one year.

If Pittsfield likes the team and the team likes Pittsfield, the arrangement could go on longer.

That was the consensus yesterday following a City Hall meeting between city officials and business partners Miles Wolff and Stuart Revo, who would like to bring a Class AA Eastern League baseball team here next spring.

The only remaining steps are approval by the Pittsfield Parks Commission and the Eastern League

board of directors and the settlement of a lease arrangement between the city and the team. No roadblocks are expected from any of those sources.

Pittsfield hosted Eastern League teams from 1965 to 1976, but no professional games have been played here since the Berkshire Brewers closed up shop in 1976. Because federal funds had been used to renovate Wahconah Park in 1976 and 1977, the Department of Housing and Urban Development imposed restrictions on use of the park. Those restrictions have since been lifted, allowing the pro teams to come back.

"The decision has been made that we'd like to see pro baseball return to Pittsfield," said Mayor Charles L. Smith, who conducted yesterday's meeting with Wolff, Revo, Eastern League President Charles Eshbach, Community Development Director William J. Angelo, Recreation Director John C. Marchesi, Maintenance Director Ronald H. Spring and Park Commission Chairman Clifford N. Nilan.

Board to vote

Nilan said a special meeting of the Park Commission has been scheduled Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. to vote on the proposal, which he said he supports. He said his only concern is where to relocate American Legion and Babe Ruth League teams now using the park, but Smith said that shouldn't be a problem.

Eshbach said that league directors will meet Nov. 3 to give final approval and that he expects no opposition from there.

The Eastern League has seven other teams, in Albany and Glens Falls, N.Y.; Burlington, Vt.; Waterbury and New Britain, Conn.; Reading, Pa., and Nashua, N.H.

The franchise that would move here is the former Buffalo (N.Y.) Bisons team, which has been affiliated with the Cleveland Indians. Buffalo is getting a Class AAA team next year, and a group headed by Wolff and Revo purchased the Class AA franchise with hopes of finding a new home. Wolff said yesterday that he had checked into moving the team to Holyoke but that "my first choice was always Pittsfield."

"I'm very optimistic," Wolff said after yesterday's meeting. "We've got a good shot to bring a club here."

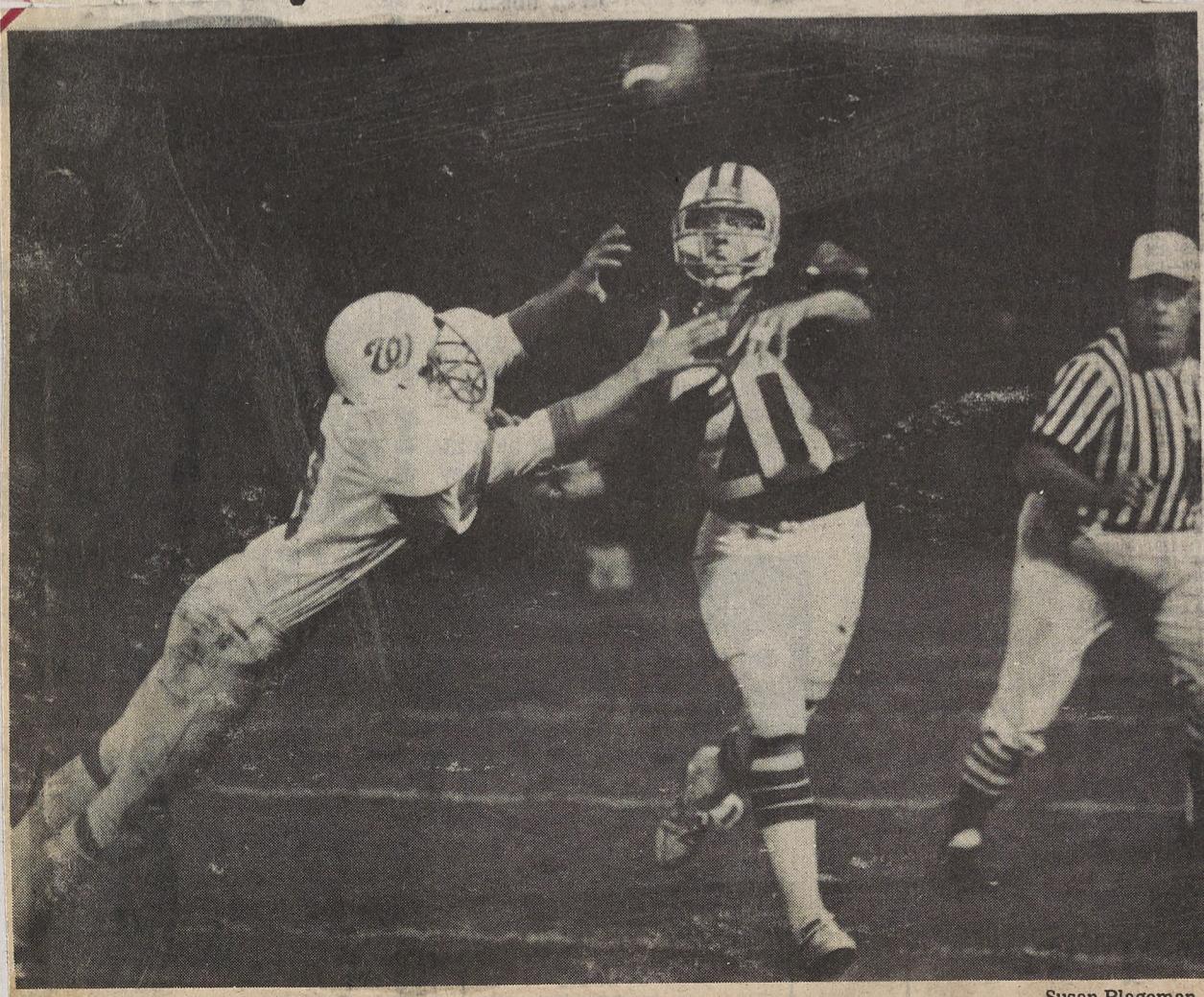
He and Smith emphasized, however, that the arrangement will be for just one year, a sort of "feeling out" period for both parties. Wolff

Ball team planned
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WAHCONAH PARK is shown off by city Recreation Director John C. Marchesi, left, to baseball entrepreneur Stuart Revo, second from left; Eastern League President Charles Eshbach; Miles Wolff, Revo's partner, and city Maintenance Director Ronald H. Spring.



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A HEAVY RUSH from Wahconah lineman kept Pittsfield quarterback Kevin Kushi (20) scampering out of the pocket throughout last night's game at Wahconah Park. The Warriors topped the Generals 26-7 for their first victory of the season. Referee is John Quinlan. OCT 06 1984

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explained that when he bought the Buffalo franchise, he was planning to move the team to a new \$3 million stadium in Binghamton, N.Y. That stadium is expected to be completed by 1986, he said.

"That will be tough to turn aside if it happens," Wolff said. "But I want to be up front about that. I don't want to come in here as a carpetbagger."

He said that, if there is sufficient local support for the team, he might consider a second season here. Eshbach said that, even if Wolff's team moves, another Class AA team might very well be interested in using Wahconah Park.

Although the Pittsfield Red Sox team drew an estimated 80,000 fans their first season here in 1965, and an assortment of franchises attracted 577,093 in 12 seasons, attendance in the final few years of pro baseball here dropped below 30,000 for the 70 home dates.

"I would like to think we could draw 60,000," Wolff said.

Smith acknowledged that it will take some slick promotion and support by the business community and tourism boards to help bring fans into the ballpark.

"It will mean a lot to the city," said Smith, a longtime advocate of pro baseball here. "We're long overdue to see pro baseball come back. I expect we'll see people pouring into the park."

When professional baseball was proposed here last year, Smith said a public hearing would be conducted before any agreements were made. Yesterday, he said the Park Commission meeting would give the public its forum.

Wolff, Revo and Eshbach took a tour of Wahconah Park following yesterday's meeting and had nothing but praise for it.

"There's never been any question of that," Eshbach said. "There's no question in my mind it would be a good addition to the league, facility wise."

He estimated that with 25 players moving into the area for the summer, plus other expenditures by fans and visiting players, the average franchise "expects to bring in about a half-million dollars in terms of economy."

Wolff said the team would employ between 30 and 40 part-time people during the season, in addition to two full-time people, a president and general manager. He said that, if all hurdles are cleared as expected, the first full-timer would be in his office in Pittsfield by the end of the month.

Wolff, 40, also owns Class A teams in Durham, N.C., and Utica, N.Y., and a Rookie League team in Pulaski, Va. He is publisher of *Baseball America*, a professional baseball magazine published 18 times a year. He originally contacted the city early this year regarding the possible move of his Utica team of the New York-Penn League, but that team remained in Utica.

Revo, a Buffalo native now living in the Dutch Antilles, said he is an oil entrepreneur in his first business involvement with Wolff. He said he met Wolff through a mutual acquaintance in the Carolina League, in which Wolff's Durham team competes.



CONCERN about where local amateur teams will be sent if a pro baseball team uses Wahconah Park next year is expressed by Friendship Tyler Aces coach Russ Quetti, a former pro player, during last night's Parks Commission meeting. At left in front row are baseball entrepreneur Miles Wolff, in dark jacket, and his proposed general manager, North Johnson.

Park board OK's pro ball at Wahconah Park in 1985

By Bob McDonough

The Pittsfield Parks Commission, as expected, last night voted unanimously to approve the use of Wahconah Park by a professional baseball team next year.

But the vote came only after a 35-minute meeting at which the commission weathered a flurry of concerns voiced by prominent local baseball figures about the relegation of local amateur teams, now using Wahconah Park, to inferior baseball diamonds elsewhere in the city.

The vote by the commission came on a request by baseball entrepreneur Miles Wolff to use Wahconah Park in 1985 for his Class AA Eastern League franchise, which is moving from Buffalo, N.Y. The only hurdles facing the plan were Park Commission approval, Eastern League approval and settlement of a lease arrangement between the city and team.

League meets Nov. 3

The Eastern League is expected to meet in Pittsfield on Nov. 3 to vote its approval of the franchise, which is expected to continue its affiliation with the Cleveland Indians. Wolff said last night that Indians farm director Bob Quinn expects to visit the city later this month.

The final hurdle, it appears, will be the fine print of the lease between the city and team. And while all of last night's speakers said they welcome the pro team, most want to make sure the high school, American Legion and Senior Babe Ruth League teams will have adequate playing facilities while the pro team takes over Wahconah Park for 70 home games.

And while many of the games could be accommodated at Clapp Park, several speakers last night said that field must be upgraded before the high-level amateur teams could call it home.

Clapp Park 'dangerous'

Russ Quetti, the Friendship Tyler Aces American Legion coach and former Red Sox minor-leaguer who played in the Eastern League in 1980, called the Clapp Park infield "dangerous" and said the Park Commission should be more definite in its plans to upgrade the field. He said the fence in right field should be moved, posts in center field removed and the infield improved. Although some proposed that local teams could play

earlier at night before some pro games at Wahconah Park, Quetti said the pro team would have a problem with long-running games that would prevent them from having batting practice.

"I'm for pro ball," he said, "but these problems have got to be worked out."

"Are we going to deprive the kids of Pittsfield the opportunity to use Wahconah Park, just for a pro team to come here one year?" asked Lou Pia, who said he was speaking in behalf of youth baseball. He demanded assurance from the Parks Commission that Clapp Park would be upgraded before the pro team is allowed into Wahconah, but he didn't get it.

"We'll make an effort. That's the best I can do this evening," commission Chairman Clifford Nilan said.

'Role models' welcomed

While other speakers said the pro team should pay the entire year's bill for lighting and maintenance at Wahconah Park, former Pittsfield High and Aces' Legion coach George "Buddy" Pellerin was the only speaker giving unqualified support to the team.

When previous pro teams were here, he said, "they were role models in our community and provided a good incentive for our youngsters."

"We would hope to be a good neighbor and add to your community," Wolff told the gathering, mentioning that he has heard similar concerns in other cities where he operates minor-league teams. He said that he expects to pay the \$900 initial cost of lighting the park, but that no arrangement has been made about whether other teams using the park must pay for their lighting.

Nilan read an extensive list of organizations that use Wahconah Park and, just before the vote, concluded, "I don't think any of these organizations would be shortchanged if we allow professional baseball in Wahconah Park."

Also last night, Wolff introduced North Johnson as his proposed general manager, the head of his Pittsfield operation. Johnson, 26, is a native of Jackson, Miss., who has been business manager the last six seasons with the Lynchburg (Va.) Mets of the Class A Carolina League.



PITCHING OFF under familiar circumstances, Taconic quarterback Frank Ott (23) fights off heavy pressure from Mount Anthony defenders Todd Maddox (45) and Chris Vince (74).



COLLISION is imminent between Pittsfield co-captain Sandi Hassett (11) and Wahconah sophomore Sharlyn Allen (22) during last night's girls' soccer game at Wahconah Park. PHS won, 6-1.



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LOOKING WARILY at the play during Saturday's St. Joseph's-Putnam game is official Jim Ditello. St. Joe end Tony

Trzcinka was trying to grab a pass but was sandwiched by defenders Charles Williams (61) and Herbert Plummer (44).

Eastern League votes on team today

Meeting at Hilton to give final OK to Pittsfield team

By Bob McDonough

The Eastern League board of directors will hold its regular meeting today at the Berkshire Hilton, and unless something drastic happens, a proposal to bring professional baseball back to Pittsfield will receive its final formal approval.

The proposal by North Carolina businessman Miles Wolff and brothers Stuart and Larry Revo to bring a Class AA team to Pittsfield next spring has already passed all local hurdles, and needs only the league's vote to make it official.

The meeting at the Hilton is scheduled for 11 a.m., and league president Charles Eshbach said

he anticipates "no problems" in the vote.

Once the vote is taken, the only remaining step will be to find a parent club for the local team. The Buffalo, N.Y., franchise purchased by Wolff's group had been affiliated with the Cleveland Indians, but the Indians have not yet committed to Pittsfield.

Indians' farm director Bob Quinn visited Wahconah Park last month and indicated that specific improvements to the field and clubhouse must be made before the Indians would commit themselves. Quinn has also been looking at Waterbury, Conn., for his Class AA team.

Eshbach said this week that Pittsfield will end

up with "either the Indians or the Cubs," who are also seeking an Eastern League home.

The Indians' request for improvements at Wahconah Park have been passed along to Mayor Charles L. Smith, and Larry Revo, who will serve as team president, said negotiations will begin to determine what costs the city will be willing to pay.

Pittsfield has been without professional baseball since the Milwaukee Brewers moved their franchise following the 1976 season, ending a 12-year stay by the Eastern League at Wahconah Park.

League gives baseball team formal OK

By Bob McDonough

Pittsfield's bid for a 1985 Class AA Eastern League baseball franchise received its expected unanimous approval from the league's board of directors at their meeting Saturday at the Berkshire Hilton Inn.

Among those present at the 4½-hour meeting were two of the three partners in the Pittsfield operation, brothers Stuart and Larry Revo, and their general manager, North Johnson.

League President Charles Eshbach said the league's only concern was getting Wahconah Park in better shape to host a pro team, the same concern voiced by Cleveland Indians' minor league director Bob Quinn during his visit here last month.

The Class AA franchise purchased by the Revo brothers and Miles Wolff had been affiliated with the Indians, but there is no guarantee the Pittsfield team will hold that affiliation.

Both the Indians and Chicago Cubs are seeking Eastern League franchises, and Pittsfield and Waterbury, Conn., are seeking major league affiliations. Eshbach said last week that either the Indians or Cubs would be the team moving to Pittsfield. He said Saturday that the Eastern League does not allow teams to operate without major league affiliation, as some Class A leagues do.

Gordon Goldsberry, Cubs' minor league director, is scheduled to visit the city tomorrow for a noontime tour of Wahconah Park, said Larry Revo, the Pittsfield team's president.

Eshbach said the necessary improvements to the clubhouse and diamond at Wahconah Park would probably be "\$5,000, maybe less." The Revos have given a list of requests to the city, hoping that the city might help with the costs of the improvements. Negotiations are expected to open soon between the owners and the city.

Among other developments at the meeting, Eshbach said, was assigning the 1985 all-star game to Nashua, N.H. He also said the league schedule should be finalized "in a week or so."

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Cubs eye city franchise

By Bob McDonough

Two officials of the Chicago Cubs visited Pittsfield and toured Wahconah Park yesterday, announcing that the Cubs should decide "in the next couple of weeks" whether they will be the parent club of the Class AA Eastern League franchise here next spring.

Cubs minor-league director Gordon Goldsberry and his associate director, Bill Harford, were given the grand tour yesterday afternoon by league president Charles Eshbach, Pittsfield team president Larry Revo and his general manager, North Johnson.

Until recently, it appeared the Pittsfield team would be affiliated with the Cleveland Indians, since the franchise moving here is the Indians' former Buffalo, N.Y., affiliate. Indians minor-league director Bob Quinn toured Wahconah Park last month and listed field and clubhouse improvements that would be necessary before the Indians would commit to Pittsfield.

Meeting set tomorrow

That list has been compiled and submitted to Mayor Charles Smith and other city officials, and city and team officials are scheduled to meet tomorrow morning at 10 at City Hall to open negotiations regarding who will pay for the needed renovations.

"The way we see it, it's up to the

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CHICAGO CUBS minor-league director Gordon Goldsberry, second from right, and his associate Bill Harford, with back to camera, toured Wahconah Park yesterday with the president of the Pittsfield Class AA Eastern League baseball franchise, Larry Revo, right, and his general manager North Johnson, left.

Cubs eye Pittsfield

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city to provide us with a stadium that fits the needs of the team, and we start negotiating from there," said Revo, who is also an owner of the team with his brother, Stuart, and North Carolina businessman Miles Wolff.

As for the Cubs, Goldsberry yesterday reflected many of the same sentiments voiced by Quinn last month. He said that the clubhouse facilities must be enlarged and modernized and that the field needs to be resodded and the pitcher's mound rebuilt.

"But it certainly looks like the facilities are here that can be improved upon," he said.

Team last in 1983

The Cubs' Class AA affiliate last year was Midland of the Texas League, and it finished dead last (29-39) in the second half. Goldsberry said part of the problem was that the Cubs "traded away 18

people and got two back in the last two years. But we've got the big-league team to the point where we don't feel we'll have that type of turnover."

He said the team will probably be a running-type team, well-suited to Wahconah Park, with its 430-foot power alley in right field.

"This park would probably suit our type of personnel fairly well," Goldsberry said. "We don't have a lot of guys who hit home runs."

The Cubs' official said the team is also considering a Southern Association home for the Class AA team but is leaning toward the Eastern League because of Eshbach's program of upgrading stadiums.

Although the Cubs, like the Indians, have no set deadline for choosing their Class AA city, Goldsberry said, "We want to be settled by the time the winter meetings start at the latest, in early December. We'd like to get something decided in the next couple of weeks, if possible."

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Indians' official tours Wahconah Park

Says some renovation needed before team will commit

By Bob McDonough

Bob Quinn, minor league director for the Cleveland Indians, toured Wahconah Park yesterday to check the park's suitability as a Class AA facility, but said it may be several weeks before the Indians decide whether to hook up with the planned Eastern League franchise here in 1985.

Quinn, who came here with Eastern League president Charles Eshbach and was guided through the facility by city Recreation Director John Marchesi, said crucial but inexpensive changes would be

needed for the playing surface and clubhouse facilities before the stadium would be ready to host minor league baseball.

Cleveland groundskeeper available

Quinn said the field, which hasn't been used for pro baseball since 1976, could be whipped into shape in short order, with particular attention to the mound and infield edges. He said the Indians would make their groundskeeper available to help with the alterations.

The clubhouse facilities, which have been used primarily by high school football teams for the last

eight years, would need only some paneling and carpeting to bring them up to pro level, Quinn indicated.

"The clubhouse, showers and dugouts need some work," said Quinn, who added that his "primary concern is that my ballplayers have a playing surface and clubhouse that are acceptable."

Money from owners, city

He said, however, that while the parent team would make some funds available, the primary responsibility for funding the altera-

tions would lie with the team ownership and the city.

The Indians' previous Class AA Eastern League franchise had been in Buffalo, N.Y. Buffalo will have a Class AAA team in 1985, however, and a group headed by North Carolina businessman Miles Wolff purchased the Class AA franchise. Wolff said he plans to move that team here next spring, and he has already received the official go-ahead from the city.

The only remaining hurdles are formal approval from the Eastern League and the negotiation of a lease arrangement with the city for Wahconah Park. Then, Wolff's group will have to find an affiliation with a major league club.

Quinn said yesterday that every team needs to have a Class AA affiliate, but he would not comment on other cities that the Indians might be looking into.

Although Quinn said he has no formal deadline to meet in choosing the team's Class AA city, he did say, "the sooner the better . . . Ask me again in another two weeks." He said that before the Indians would move here, the team would have to be assured by Wolff or the city that arrangements were settled for the field and clubhouse improvements, which he termed "vital."

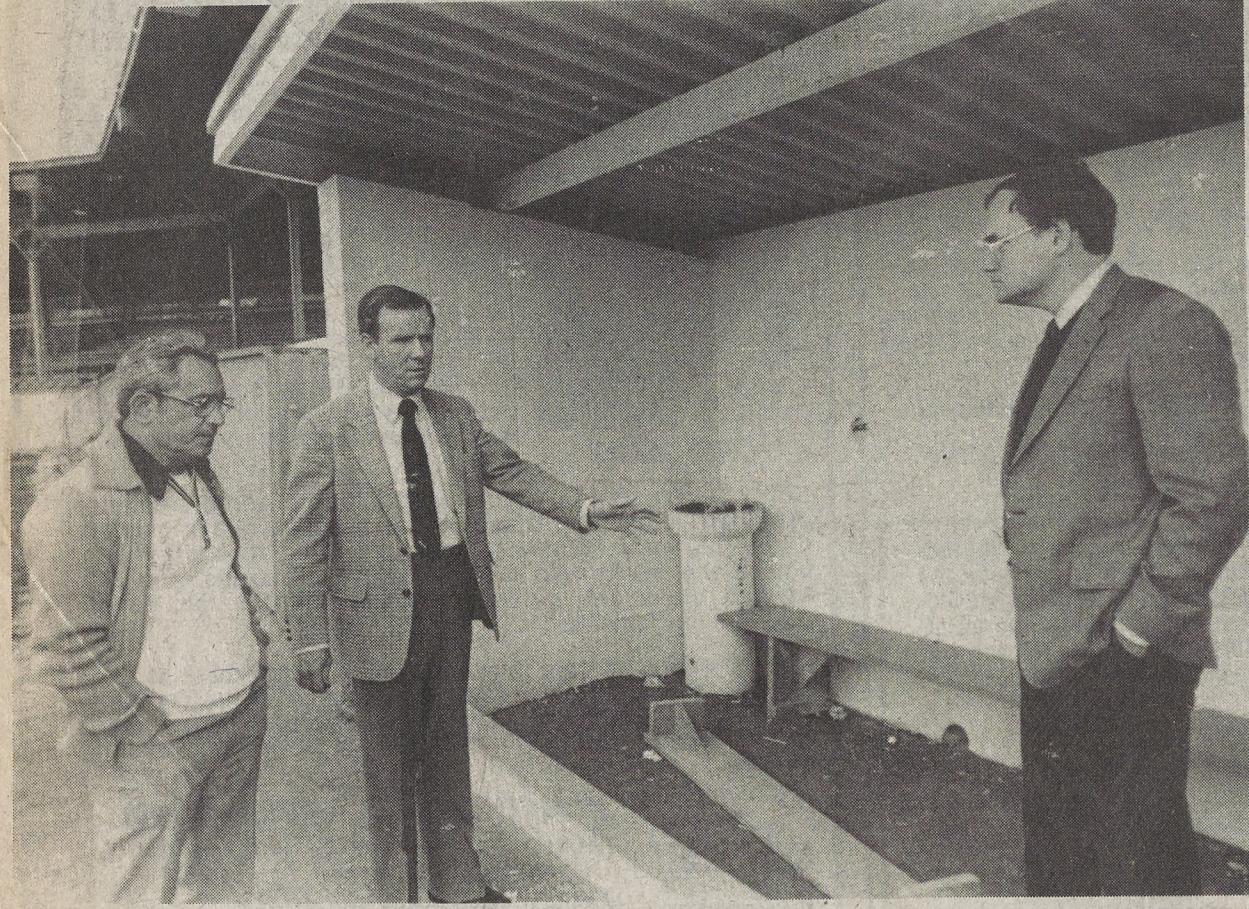
"It's a question of how much both sides are willing to do to make right what needs to be made right," Quinn said.

Quinn, who said he has been involved in baseball since 1959, termed the Wahconah Park lighting "outstanding."

Meeting here Nov. 3

Eshbach said the Eastern League is scheduled to hold its next board of directors meeting in Pittsfield Nov. 3, at which time the formal approval of the Pittsfield franchise is expected.

North Johnson, the general manager of the proposed Pittsfield franchise, is expected to open an office here by the end of the month.

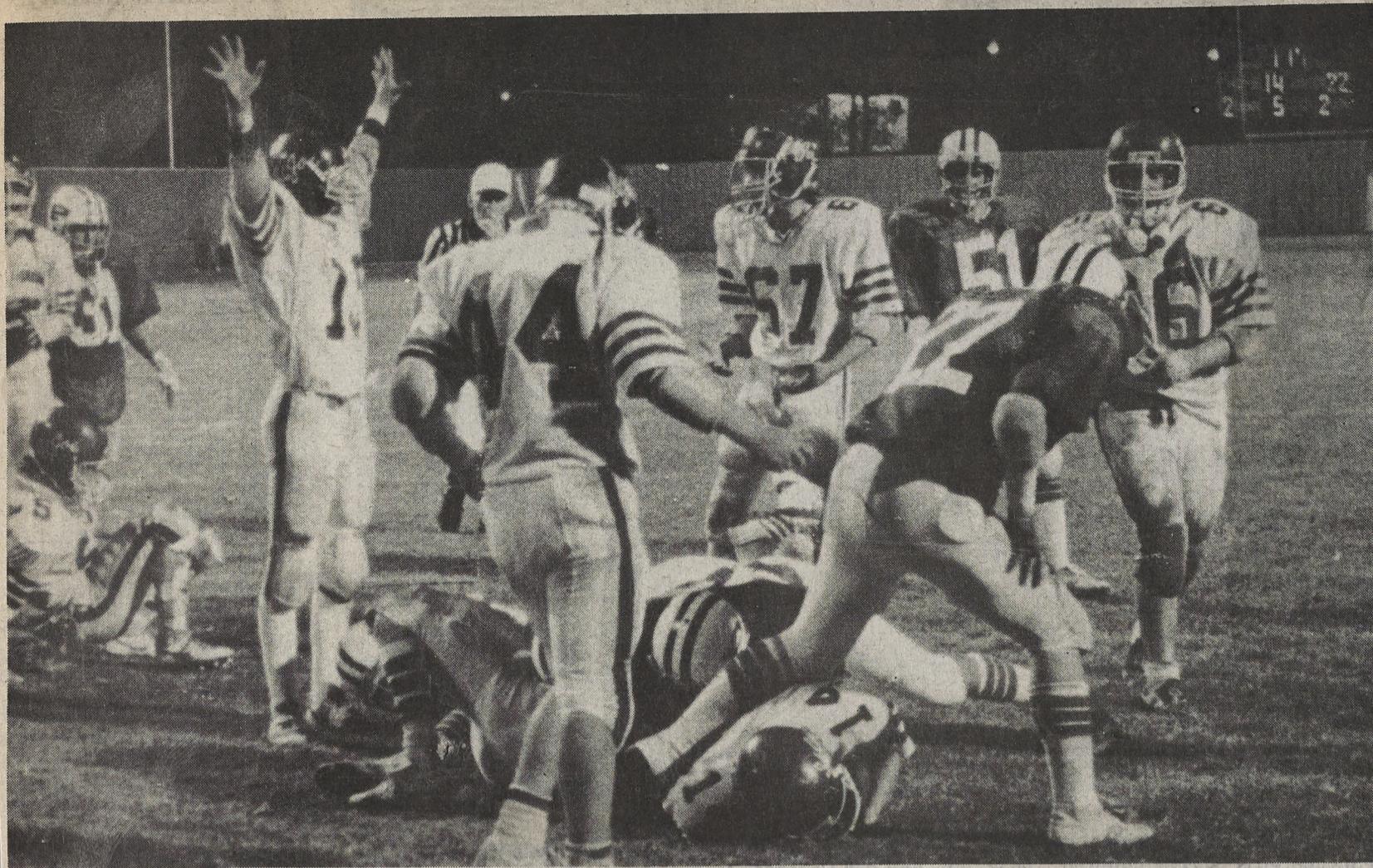


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INSPECTION TOUR of Wahconah Park yesterday was given to Cleveland Indians' minor league director Bob Quinn, center, by Pittsfield Recreation Director John Marchesi, left, and Eastern League president Charles Eshbach.

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THE TOUCHDOWN SIGNAL is provided by St. Joseph's running back David Archey (left) as Crusader quar-

terback Jim Herrick plunges in for a touchdown in last night's 48-20 victory over Pittsfield.

—Baseball— It's official: Cubs in Pittsfield in '85

By Bob McDonough

It's official. The Class AA Eastern League baseball team in Pittsfield next spring will be the Pittsfield Cubs.

That long-expected announcement came yesterday after the parent Chicago Cubs signed a formal one-year agreement with the Pittsfield team owners, Miles Wolff and brothers Larry and Stuart Revo, at the annual winter baseball meeting in Houston.

"We couldn't be happier," said Bill Harford, assistant director of minor league operations for the Chicago Cubs, whose Class AA team last year finished last in Midland of the Texas League.

The agreement is for one year because the team owners have already announced their intention to move to Binghamton, N.Y., in 1986, when a new stadium is scheduled to be completed.

Along with the agreement came the assignment of some of the team's staff for the season. The manager will be Tom Spencer, a former player in the Cincinnati Reds organization who last year managed the Houston Astros' Asheville (N.C.) Tourists to the championship of the Class A South Atlantic League. Among his players this year was pitcher Mike Callahan of Dalton.

Joining Spencer will be pitching coach Dick Pole, a former Boston Red Sox pitcher who appeared in Pittsfield during his minor league days, and trainer Randy Roetten.

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The team's final remaining hurdle is settlement of a lease arrangement with the city for Wahconah Park. The city has already agreed to some \$30,000 in improvements at the park, according to team president Larry Revo, and the final agreement must be approved by the Parks Commission and the team owners.

"One out of two hurdles is gone," Revo said yesterday from his hotel room in Houston. "When I get back, we'll get that lease done." Revo said he will return to Pittsfield early next week, but that team general manager North Johnson will be here tomorrow.

The Cubs have had a notoriously poor minor league system in recent years, but minor league director Gordon Goldsberry said that is because the team traded away some of its best minor league prospects to build the major league club into a team that this year won the National League Eastern Division.

"Now that they've got a good major league nucleus, they're not so anxious to trade away their top minor leaguers," Revo said.

The Pittsfield Cubs are scheduled to open their season Friday, April 12, at Albany. After three games in Albany, the Cubs open at Wahconah Park April 15 against the Nashua (N.H.) Pirates.

Among the attractions planned next season is the San Diego Chicken, said Revo, who saw the fowl performer at the Houston Astrodome this week.

"I got to see him for the first time," Revo said, "and I'm now a converted Chicken fan."

Problematic dam

Although it's been proposed many times over the past several decades as the best answer to chronic flooding in the Wahconah Park area, the idea of lowering the Tel-Electric dam near Mill Street obviously has some extra clout now that it's been studied and endorsed by

the Army Corps of Engineers. Whether it's actually the answer to a problem that seems to have defied every other remedy to date remains to be seen; but it certainly sounds promising enough to justify proceeding with an environmental impact plan that would lead to some firmer estimates and a thorough cost-benefit analysis. One needs to be an old-timer, incidentally, to remember where the dam's name came from: It was once part of the property of the Tel-Electric Company, which manufactured player pianos at the site early in this century and closed its doors shortly after World War I.

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Cubs expect to pick Pittsfield this week

By Bob McDonough

By the end of the week, the "Pittsfield Cubs" should be born.

And within a couple of weeks, the new Class AA Eastern League franchise should have its final lease agreement with the city signed, sealed and delivered.

That seems to be the consensus of city and team officials, who have been negotiating for most of the past month to finalize arrangements to return pro baseball to Pittsfield for the first time since 1976.

"Everything looks good, but nothing is final yet," said team president Larry Revo, who with his brother Stuart and their partner Miles Wolff own the franchise that was officially awarded to Pittsfield by the Eastern League at a meeting here Nov. 3.

\$30,000 in renovations

The final stumbling blocks have been to nail down a major league affiliation and a lease arrangement for the team's use of Wahconah Park. Revo confirmed yesterday that his group has asked the city to pay for about \$30,000 worth of renovations to the clubhouse and field, and that the city has agreed.

The lease arrangement is now in the hands of City Solicitor Edward M. Reilly, after which it goes to the Parks Commission for final approval.

"We're waiting for Ed Reilly to get the lease done, and then we'll review it individually," Parks Commission chairman Clifford Nilan said. The commission has already given the team permission to renovate an office for Revo, said Nilan, who added that Reilly should be finished with his review of the lease by Friday.

"It's possible the commission could vote a week from next Monday," Nilan said.

Cubs to decide by Friday

As for the Cubs, "We're going to try to make a decision this week," said Gordon Goldsberry, head of the Cubs' minor league operation.

Goldsberry visited Wahconah Park in October, and at that time voiced his concerns that ranged from the need for clubhouse renovation to field improvements. He said yesterday that reports from Pittsfield have been "encouraging," and that he expects to announce the team's final decision tomorrow or Friday.

"We hope to have a general agreement before the winter meeting," Goldsberry said. The baseball winter meeting opens Monday in Houston, and the Revo brothers, Wolff and their general manager North Johnson are all planning to attend, Larry Revo said.

Goldsberry also said the Cubs have offered to send head groundskeeper Luby Veal to help with the field renovations at Wahconah Park.

The Cubs' current Class AA affiliate is Midland of the Texas League.

Home opener April 15

The 1985 Eastern League schedule has been finalized, Revo said. The Pittsfield team is scheduled to open in Albany against the Albany Yankees April 12, 13 and 14, then open its home season with games against the Nashua (N.H.) Angels April 15, 16, 17 and 18 and the New Britain (Conn.) Red Sox April 19, 20 and 21. The 140-game schedule runs through Aug. 31, with playoffs to follow.

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Park board OKs Wahconah Park lease to Cubs

By Bob McDonough

The Pittsfield Parks Commission last night voted unanimous approval of a two-year lease of Wahconah Park by the Pittsfield Cubs, a Class AA Eastern League baseball franchise that will begin play there next April.

The lease, which now requires only the signatures of Mayor Charles L. Smith, city clerk Jacqueline M. Sacchetti and team president Larry Revo, was the final hurdle that the team needed to clear in order to play in Pittsfield in 1985. The final signatures are expected to be attached to the document in a formal ceremony later this week.

The baseball franchise is owned by Revo, his brother Stuart and North Carolina businessman Miles Wolff. They bought the league's Buffalo franchise, which had been affiliated with the Cleveland Indians, and moved it to Pittsfield. The Chicago Cubs' Class AA franchise is moving to Pittsfield from Midland, Texas, where the team finished last in the Texas League in 1984.

Although the lease is for two years, team owners have said they plan to move the team to Binghamton,

N.Y., in 1986 if a new stadium is completed there by then.

Only minor changes were made to the lease last night during the 25-minute meeting, which attracted only team general manager North Johnson, Pittsfield Babe Ruth League president Jim Hassett and Pittsfield Fourth of July Committee President Beverly Chartier.

Hassett's only concern was that the team's liability insurance cover any incidents that might take place in the Wahconah Park parking lot, and Johnson assured him that the team's umbrella policy would include the parking lot.

The commission granted Aug. 7 as the date for the Fourth of July Parade Committee's drum and bugle corps competition, but told Chartier that the lease entitles the team to all concession rights inside the confines of the park. Johnson said the team will keep the concession stands open for the event, but that the team wouldn't object to drum and bugle corps selling their own non-food items — such as T-shirts and records —

on park property.

Commission chairman Clifford Nilan also noted that the team can grant concession rights to other groups that might want to use the park during the time of the lease.

No bottles or cans

Commission member Roger Sloper wanted to add a prohibition of bottles and cans to the section of the lease dealing with concession rights, but Johnson and Pittsfield human services director Vincent J. Heoert said Eastern League and city park rules already prohibit bottles and cans.

Johnson agreed with a commission request to limit the sale of alcoholic beverages to only beer and ale, and Johnson said that was the team's intent in any case.

One item changed on the lease deals with responsibility for furnishing hot water to the teams' locker rooms. The lease called for the city to provide the hot water, but the commission last night shifted that responsibility to the team.

Another change now allows teams other than the professional team to use only the visitor locker room. The original lease called for use of both locker rooms, but Johnson said that historically, pro teams have problems with theft when other teams are allowed to use their home locker room, where gloves and other items are routinely left.

After the formal vote to approve the lease, Nilan complimented the commission and team officials for their cooperative effort to establish a pro team in the city.

"I have complete confidence in Larry [Revo] and North," Nilan said. "Everything they have done has been honest and above board, and the city has acted in the same manner."

In response to a request by commission member Paula Virgilio, Nilan said the commission will give "top priority" to finding funds to refurbish such parks as Clapp, Deming and Kirvin, where many teams will be forced to move after having used Wahconah Park in past years. Such funding, he noted, will require City Council approval.

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The Pittsfield Cubs

For one year, Wahconah Park will be home to a farm team of the baseball club that came within one game of being the National League champs this year, the Chicago Cubs. The city will be on trial as much as the team will be. If Pittsfield hopes to attract another minor-league team (the Cubs' AA team plans to move in 1986 to a new stadium that will be built in Binghamton), the city will have to support the Cubs better than it did other teams here. In the meantime, just call Wahconah Park "Wrigley on (or under) the Housatonic."

Aug. 7 date is set for drum corps event

The Park Commission last night approved Aug. 7 as the date for the Pittsfield Fourth of July Parade Committee's fourth annual Precision and Pageantry drum and bugle corps competition at Wahconah Park.

The event annually draws crowds of 5,000 people or more to Wahconah Park.

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Park board to act on Wahconah lease

By Bob McDonough

The Pittsfield Parks Commission is scheduled to meet tonight at 7 at Springside House to discuss the final wording of a lease arrangement for Wahconah Park between the city and the owners of the Class AA minor league baseball team scheduled to play there in 1985.

The 16-page lease, broken down into 21 sections, was hammered out between city officials and team owners, who include Miles Wolff and brothers Larry and Stuart Revo. They will operate the Chicago Cubs franchise here next year. The lease has also been looked over by City Solicitor Edward Reilly.

According to Clifford Nilan, Parks Commission chairman, the contents of the lease can still be changed by the commission. He said he plans to read the lease at tonight's meeting, and added that although a final vote on the lease might be taken by the commission, that vote could be put off. The signature of the mayor, city clerk, Parks Commission chairman and team president Larry Revo are necessary before the lease goes into effect.

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During public hearings over the last two years, opponents of pro baseball in the city had accused previous administrations of agreeing to unfair lease arrangements with previous pro teams.

To help alleviate those fears, a complete text of the proposed lease appears on Page 40.

Anyone looking for shocking developments in the lease will be sorely disappointed, since the document appears to be a straightforward arrangement dealing mostly with scheduling, advertising and concession rights.

The term of the proposed lease is two years, even though the team owners have said they plan to move the team to Binghamton, N.Y., in 1986.

Among the terms of the lease, the team agrees to pay for lighting, sewer and water fees at the park for its own games. Although not mentioned in the lease, the team has the right to charge other organizations who use the lights for their activities.

The lease also gives the team the right to sell advertising space on outfield fences, and to operate the concessions stands for its games, although the city retains the right to grant concession rights to other groups using the park, such as the Fourth of July Parade Committee.

The team's \$1 rental fee for the park in 1985 is a fairly standard arrangement for municipal facilities.

One arrangement that could draw fire is in the first section, in which the agreement says that on nights that the team plays its games, the field will be cleared and available to the team by 4 p.m. Many area baseball fans had hoped to arrange double-headers with local teams and the pro team. The team could still grant that right.

Another section, Section 7, allows the Park Commissioners "access to the grounds and facilities at all times."

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Bob McDonough

BRIGHT OUTLOOK for professional baseball in Pittsfield took its first step in October with the visit of baseball entrepreneurs Miles Wolff, second from right, and Stuart Revo, second from left, who toured Wahconah Park with city officials and Eastern League president Charlie Eshbach, center. The Pittsfield Cubs will open Eastern League play in April.

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Text of proposed Wahconah Park lease

The following is the text of the proposed lease arrangement between the city and the owners of the Pittsfield Cubs Class AA Eastern League baseball team. Reference to the "CITY" is the City of Pittsfield, and reference to "CLUB" is the baseball team.

I. Regular Scheduled Eastern League or Other League Games:

The CITY hereby grants to the CLUB permission to use the stadium and facilities for the purpose of playing its regular scheduled games in the Eastern League or any other professional baseball league of which it may be a member and the All Star Game during the regular baseball seasons of 1985 and 1986, and playoff games, if any, beginning on or about April 1 and ending on or about September 15 or the end of the baseball season whichever occurs earlier. The CLUB agrees to play its regular scheduled home games during the said regular baseball seasons at the CITY's baseball field, except where the CLUB's use of the field and facilities is cancelled by the CITY for an event of public interest, as herein-after provided.

It is understood and agreed that the complete schedule for such games for each year will be furnished by the CLUB to the CITY, no later than January 31 of each year, which schedule shall be thereafter treated as a part of this contract.

It is agreed that games postponed on account of rain or unavoidable conditions, or on account of the CITY's use of the field for other events (as herein-after provided), or on account of games exchanged with other League Clubs, may be rescheduled, subject, however, to the CITY's approval, on available dates, and provided further that written application for a date on which to play an exchange game must be filed with the CITY at least three days prior to the date sought by the CLUB for playing such game.

On the nights that such regular scheduled, postponed, or exchange games are to be played, the grounds will be cleared and available for the CLUB at 4 o'clock p.m.; for an afternoon game, by 12 o'clock Noon.

The CITY reserves the right to cancel the CLUB's use of the field and facilities for any particular scheduled, postponed, or exchanged game or games, when the Stadium property, or any portion thereof, is needed for some other event deemed by the Park commission to be of interest to the public. Whenever it is ascertained by the CITY that the property will be needed at a time when a regular, postponed, or exchanged game is scheduled, the CITY shall give the CLUB written notice as soon as practicable thereafter.

The CLUB shall assume full control and full responsibility for any organization or personnel and any equipment or furnishings used by the CLUB for any pre-game activities or other entertainment conducted on the Stadium property. Before the CLUB shall conduct any pre-game activities or other entertainment on the Stadium property, it shall obtain the prior written approval of the Board of Park Commissioners.

II. Exhibition Games: The CITY grants to the CLUB the right to use the grounds for the purpose of playing or sponsoring exhibition games with the Pittsfield Baseball Club and any other baseball club, or between any other two organized professional baseball clubs, upon the condition that a schedule of such games be furnished to and approved by the CITY.

III. Duration of Games: All games played at the Park shall as to the starting and ending time be played in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Eastern League.

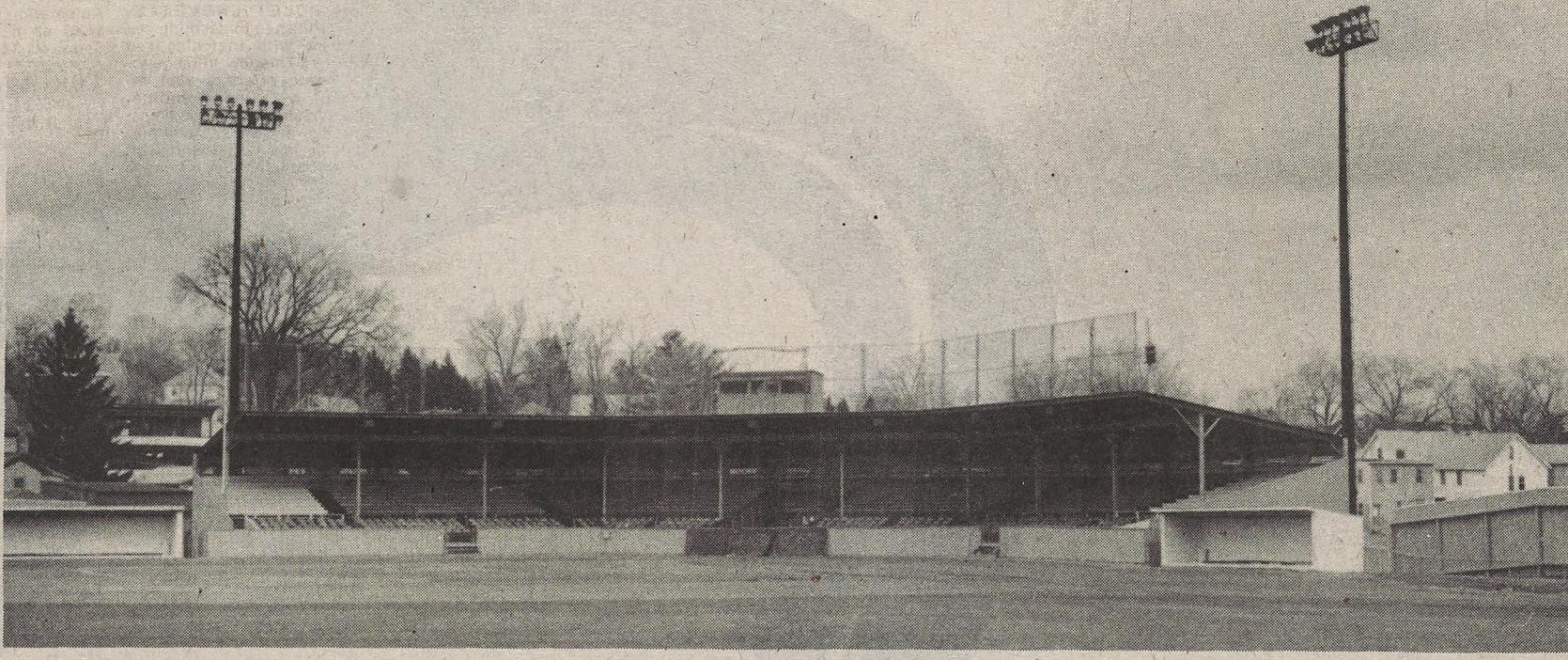
IV. Locker Rooms: The Locker Room on the Park property shall be used as follows:

(a) During the regular Eastern League season, the CLUB shall have the use of the Locker Rooms for its own personnel and on the dates regular baseball games are to be played for the additional use of the visiting team.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section, the CITY reserves the right, upon notice to the CLUB, to use the Locker Rooms when needed for any other event.

(c) The CLUB shall be responsible for the cleaning of the Locker Rooms and shall furnish any and all supplies such as soap, paper products, towels, etc. that are needed for its own use and the use of the visiting teams.

V. Lights; Public Address System; and Utilities: The CITY agrees to allow the CLUB to use the lighting system presently installed at Wahconah Park to provide lights for night baseball. The CLUB shall maintain the lights, including the supplying of bulbs therefor and the electric current used for lighting its games or any other permitted night use of the field by the CLUB. The CLUB shall make arrangements with the Western Massachusetts Electric Company ("UTILITY") before April 1, 1985 for the supply of and payment for electric current. In the event that the CLUB and the UTILITY are unable to make satisfactory arrangements then the CITY will make the necessary ar-



rangements with the UTILITY, but the CLUB shall post a bond, to be determined by the CITY, with the CITY to cover the UTILITY's charges, and shall make monthly payments to the CITY in advance during the contract period.

The CITY's public address system installed at Wahconah Park shall be available for the CLUB's use, but the CLUB shall be responsible for the operation of the same.

The CLUB accepts the lighting and public address systems in the physical condition in which the same now are, and during the term of the contract, the CITY shall be under no obligation whatsoever to make any repairs, replacements, or improvements to the same, other than repairs, replacements and improvements set forth above. Further, the CITY shall not be responsible for any losses that may accrue to the CLUB as a result of any equipment failure of the lighting or public address system.

All other utility expenses including water and sewer charges, are the responsibility of the CLUB who shall promptly pay all charges and in no way are the responsibility of the CITY.

Upon termination of this agreement, the CLUB shall turn the lighting and public address systems over to the CITY in the same physical condition in which the same are at execution of this agreement.

VI. Other Obligations of the Parties with Reference to Grounds and Facilities: The CLUB agrees to maintain the field in playable condition, to cause the same to be properly marked, and the CITY agrees to furnish the CLUB with hot water in the Locker Rooms assigned to it on the days the CLUB has the use of the field as hereinbefore provided.

It is distinctly understood that there is to be no obligation upon the CITY to furnish towels, soap, equipment, or anything else other than such things as the CITY has hereinbefore specifically agreed to furnish, and it is further distinctly understood and agreed that the CITY shall not be responsible for any loss or damage of property the CLUB, or any of its players, or any visiting team may sustain at the CITY's Park. The CLUB assumes full responsibility for the security of the Park and agrees that any property placed on the Park premises is so placed at the risk of the owner.

VII. Admission of Board of Park Commissioners, or its designated: The Board of Park Commissioners, or its designated employers responsible for the grounds and facilities, as well as the CITY's uniformed police, shall be allowed access to the grounds and facilities at all times. The CLUB shall provide the basic police protection for the CLUB games at the CLUB's expense.

VIII. Term; Rental:

The term of this contract is for two years, subject however to the right of either party to terminate this agreement after the first year. Notice of intention to terminate, before the second year, shall be given in writing before January 1, 1986, pursuant to the notice requirements of Section XX.

Rental. For the privileges granted hereunder, the CLUB agrees to pay to the CITY as rental for said privileges the amount of One Dollar (\$1.00) for the first year. The rental for the second year shall be determined by agreement between the parties, which agreement shall be reached before January 1, 1986, or this agreement shall automatically terminate.

IX. Advertising: No advertising shall be allowed on the field; provided, however, that this shall not be deemed to prohibit advertising on the score boards, or to prohibit spot advertisements on the public address system, or to prohibit advertisements above the outfield board fence.

X. Fence Advertising: The CLUB shall have the privilege of selling advertising space on the playing field side above the board fence heretofore erected by the CITY around the outfield. All signs erected for advertising purposes shall be maintained by the CLUB. When it is necessary for the CITY to perform maintenance work on the fence, any signs that must be defaced will be repainted by the CLUB after the maintenance work is completed, at its own cost and expense.

XI. Laws, Ordinances, Etc.: In its use of the field and facilities, the CLUB agrees to abide by all applicable State laws, City ordinances and general rules and regulations of the CITY regarding the use of the Park and CITY property, now in force or hereafter adopted.

XII. Broadcasting Games From the Field: The CLUB may permit its games to be broadcast and telecast from the field, and if so desired, make charges for this privilege.

XIII. Reservation of Rights: It is distinctly understood and agreed that the CITY retains all rights and privileges of the field and facilities except those specifically granted herein and may use the field and facilities or permit them to be used for any purpose whatsoever.

XIV. Default in Payments. The CITY shall have the right to terminate this contract at any time upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the CLUB sent registered mail, return receipt requested, upon the failure of the CLUB to pay any utility bill when due, if such default is continued for a period of fifteen (15) days after such payment is due.

XV. Termination: Upon termination of this contract, either at its expiration or upon failure to pay rental, all obligations of either party hereunder to the other shall cease and terminate, except any liability which the CLUB may be under to the CITY for failure to comply with the provisions hereof.

If the CLUB shall be unable to make a satisfactory affiliation with a professional baseball league or should any such league with which it is affiliated fail and the CLUB be unable regularly to provide baseball games at the leased premises, it shall be entitled to terminate this lease as of the date it gives to CITY written notice of its intention to do so, and neither party shall have any rights or causes of action against the other by reason of such early termination except with respect to the payment of rent which shall in such event be adjusted pro rata per diem to cover the playing dates, if any, for which the CLUB used the leased premises.

All references herein to the Eastern League shall be construed to mean the Eastern League and/or any other professional baseball league with which the CLUB may from time to time be affiliated.

XVI. Concession: The CITY further grants to the CLUB during the term of this lease the concession hereinafter described, and in operating said concession the CLUB agrees to comply strictly with the rules and regulations hereinafter set out.

XVII. Description and Scope of Concession: The concession granted covers the entire enclosure of the Park grounds and is an exclusive concession to serve all activities therein, EXCEPT for such activities by persons, firms, or corporations who pay to the CITY a separate rental for engaging in such activities in addition to Park rental and where the serving of food and drinks is normally incident to such activities (examples of such excepted activities being circuses, drum corps competition, and carnivals) and EXCEPT that the CITY further reserves the right to permit concessions to be operated at the Park by the sponsors of, and in conjunction with, one hundred percent charitable or civic events; that is, events from which no profit accrues to the sponsor, owner, or operator of such events, all the receipts therefrom being for charitable or civic purposes.

No advertising or advertisements of any kind shall be permitted in or on the Park premises except (1) such advertisement as might appear on any commodity sold in its regular container or wrapper, (2) advertisements on uniforms of concession employees, (3) advertisement on carriers and other standard concession equipment, and (4) advertising as permitted under Sections IX and X hereof.

XVIII. Rules for Operation of Concession: The concession granted is subject to the following rules and regulations, with which the CLUB must comply strictly:

1. (a) The CITY will furnish two concession stands which can be closed and within which the Club shall have the privilege of storing its goods and wares. In addition, the CLUB shall have the right to use any open concession on the premises.

In the event the CITY should exercise its right to permit conces-

sions to be operated by others under the provisions of Section XVII hereof, the CLUB shall vacate to such other person all concession stands except the new concession stand located in the rear of the baseball grandstand. The CLUB shall maintain the concession stands at its own expense. Any alteration or changes of either of said stands are subject to the CITY's approval and will become the CITY's property, without cost to the CITY. The CLUB shall be responsible to the CITY for the stands and turn them over in good order and repair, ordinary wear and tear excepted, at the termination of this contract.

(b) It is understood and agreed that under no circumstances shall the CITY be under any responsibility or liability whatsoever on account of any loss or property damage sustained.

2. Alcoholic beverages may be sold by the CLUB on the premises only if all requirements of the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission for such sale have been met and all licenses required for such sale have been obtained by the CLUB, provided all sales shall be made from a separate concession stand.

3. The sale of any articles which might create a nuisance in the opinion of the CITY authorities will not be allowed.

4. Provisions must be made by the CLUB at its own expense, for the prompt removal of garbage, trash, and empty bottles from the entire baseball stadium area, including the parking area. The CLUB shall have the Stadium and parking areas cleaned no later than 12:00 noon the day following any home game.

5. No advertising or advertisements of any kind shall be permitted in or on the Park premises except (1) such advertisement as might appear on any commodity sold in its regular container or wrapper, (2) advertisements on uniforms of concession employees, (3) advertisement on carriers and other standard concession equipment, and (4) advertising as permitted under Sections IX and X hereof.

6. The CLUB shall not dispose of nor sublet, in whole or in part, any of its concession rights without the written approval of the CITY, except its right of advertising on uniforms and equipment, which it may dispose of as it may see fit; provided, however, that the CLUB shall not force any person, firm or corporation to buy such advertising rights as a condition precedent to their goods being sold within the Park enclosure. (See Rule 9 below).

7. All persons handling food and drink in connection with the concession shall at all times be clean and neat.

8. With reference to the sale of merchandise under the concession granted, it is understood that the CLUB shall not grant, for compensation or otherwise, any special privilege to any person, firm, or corporation supplying such merchandise; nor shall the CLUB require or permit any such person, firm or corporation to pay or give consideration for the privilege of having its merchandise sold by the CLUB either directly or indirectly, or through the use of special discounts, rebates, or any other device or arrangement whatsoever.

9. It is understood and agreed that the CLUB will cooperate with the CITY and the various organizations conducting activities in the Park by affording first-class concession facilities for all activities in the Park during the term of this lease.

10. It is definitely understood and agreed that the CLUB will carry a full supply of articles, including the various popular soft drinks and the usual line of tobacco and edibles for which there is a reasonable public demand, that no partiality will be shown as between the different brands carried, and that no emphasis will be placed on one or more of the brands or articles sold or dispensed.

The CLUB shall employ a sufficient number of employees to give first-class service to the spectators in the Park for all activities.

11. The CITY reserves the right to determine in its sole discretion whether or not the CLUB has complied with the provisions of paragraphs 9 and 10, and it is fully understood and agreed that if, in the opinion of the Board of Park Commissioners any of these paragraphs

have been violated, then the CITY may cancel concession rights upon five (5) days' written notice.

XIX. Indemnity: The CLUB shall indemnify and save harmless and provide a defense for the CITY, its agents, officials and employees, from any and all liabilities, damages, expenses, causes of action, suits, claims of judgments which may accrue against, be charged to, recovered from or sought to be recovered from the CITY, by reason of or on account of, injury to, or death of any person arising from the CLUB's use and occupancy of the stadium property. The CLUB shall give the CITY prompt and timely notice of any claims made or suit instituted, which, in any way, affects the CITY or any of its agents, officials, and employees.

The CLUB shall secure and maintain, at its own cost and expense public liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000, per occurrence, and shall name the CITY as an additional insured, and furnish City with a copy thereof.

XX. Notices: Any notices mentioned in this agreement may be served on the CLUB by registered letter to [no name listed] and upon the CITY by registered letter to its Mayor, 70 Allen St., City Hall, Pittsfield, Massachusetts 01201.

XXI. Assignment: The CLUB shall not assign this contract or sublet any of the privileges granted hereunder, without the written consent of the CITY.

Pittsfield seeks sewer job bids on Barker Road

The city is advertising for bids on a contract for construction of the Barker Road sewer line, as the first phase of a three-phase plan to encourage development of a proposed industrial site in the rezoned airport light industrial zone.

The project includes 3,150 feet of 8-inch pipe from the existing line along Barker Road and to South Mountain Road, 250 feet of 6-inch pipe, 1,470 feet of 4-inch pipe serving the Wild Acres recreation area and 200 feet of laterals.

Mayor Charles L. Smith, at a press conference at City Hall yesterday, said that running the line to Wild Acres would answer the concerns of the state Department of Health about toilet facilities at the area, which has been provided with only portable, chemical toilets.

The Barker Road sewer project is meant to address the concerns of neighbors about the adequacy of sewer facilities and water for the 25-acre site, Smith said.

William J. Angelo, the city's commissioner of community and economic development, said he expects construction to begin by May 1.

He said the second phase for the airport itself is scheduled for 1985, and the third, for Tamarack Road, for 1986.

Bids will be received at City Hall until Feb. 10 at 2 p.m. Documents, technical specifications and drawings are on file at the OCED office and may also be viewed at F.W. Dodge Division, 181 Park Ave., West Springfield.

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CORRECTIONS

Mark Turner was high scorer for the Irish-American team in its win over IUE 254 last week in the Boys' Club Intermediate Basketball League. An article in Saturday's Eagle incorrectly identified him.

Construction on the Barker Road sewer line is expected to be completed by May 1. A story in yesterday's Eagle said incorrectly that construction would begin by that date. Under the city's demolition program, an average price of \$2,000 is paid to the demolition contractor, not to the property owner, as a story in yesterday's Eagle incorrectly said.

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New Barker Road sewer line to be finished a month early

The Barker Road sewer line will be completed early next week, at least a month ahead of schedule, according to William J. Angelo, the city's commissioner of economic development.

Completion was projected for May 1, Angelo said, praising Petricca Construction Co.'s "excellent job" in accomplishing the work ahead of schedule.

The sewer line is intended to promote development of the proposed Barker Road business park and also will serve Wild Acres, allowing that area to be used for recreation.

The city's Office of Community and Economic Development is working with the Pittsfield Eco-

Wild Acres sewer hookup, fees considered by Park Commission

By Gerald B. O'Connor

Will Wild Acres, the city-owned park and picnic ground off South Mountain Road, enter the 20th century next June and become a way station on the municipal sewerage system? Will fees for use of the picnic pavilion be raised?

Stay tuned for the answer to these and other weighty questions that occupied the city Park Commission Monday night as it responded to a

mayoral request to start accepting applications for pavilion use right away, instead of waiting until March 1.

As with many of Pittsfield's recreation areas, Wild Acres has suffered from budget constraints that affect maintenance and policing. And because it lacks the technological advantages of municipal sewerage, its toilet facilities, which operate on a flush-circulation principle, are a

source of many of the maintenance difficulties, commissioners say.

However, Mayor Charles L. Smith has advised the commission through Community Services Director Vincent J. Hebert that a sewer hookup may be forthcoming by June. He bases this on the assumption that the proposed sewer-main extension to the nearby city airport will permit installation of a spur main into the park, Hebert said.

Hebert told the commissioners Monday the mayor is confident the installation can be completed in June.

Commission member Anthony G. Massimiano wasn't convinced. "I'll be absolutely amazed if they have a line in by June," he said.

But this isn't the only worry. Other maintenance requirements will have to be met, and the commission isn't sure if there is enough money in the city budget to cover the costs, estimated at \$7,262 for the park's 21-week season from May to mid-September.

For this reason, the commission in December voted to hold off accepting reservations for the picnic pavilion until March 1, a date by which the financial picture is expected to clear. But the mayor, responding to citizen complaints, asked the commission to return to past practice of accepting reservations after Jan. 1.

Dispute over fees

The commission may do this, but at the insistence of member Clifford J. Nilan, it deferred a decision until it decides what the user fees will be. Currently, use of the pavilion costs \$45 on weekends and \$20 on weekdays.

City Recreation Director John C. Marchesi and Conservation Commission Chairman Franklin H. Troy recently agreed that upping these charges to \$75 and \$45, respectively, would be reasonable, Hebert said.

Nilan, who argued that fees should contribute more heavily than at present to support of Wild Acres, suggested they be even higher, say \$100 and \$50.

Members Paula J. Virgilio and Alma Arlos said those were too high.

The upshot was the postponement, with a request to Hebert that he find out what fees are charged at private recreation areas like Ponterill and GEAA.

The pavilion is used in warm-weather months by family groups for reunions and by various clubs and outing groups for cookouts and the like. The fees are only charged for the pavilion, not for picnic tables or for general use.

Fishing derby set for senior citizens

The Friends of Wild Acres and the Department of Recreation will sponsor a fishing derby for senior citizens Tuesday and Wednesday from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Wild Acres on 479 South Mountain Road.

Prizes will be awarded to those catching the first three tagged fish the first day of the derby. There is a five-fish-per-day limit. State fishing license laws will be observed.

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APR 5 1984 Park Board hikes fees at Wild Acres

Most picnickers who reserve the pavilion at Wild Acres for outings this summer will be paying higher fees as a result of a vote by the Park Commission Monday.

The commission voted to establish charges of \$50 for groups of 1 to 50 people, \$75 for 51 to 100 people and \$100 for groups larger than 100 for weekends, holidays and full days during the week. Last year, the fee was \$45 regardless of the size of the group.

Groups that reserve the pavilion for weekday lunches between 11 and 2 will pay \$25, the same as last year.

The vote came after a report from Community Services Director Vincent J. Hebert on fees charged at picnic grounds operated by the Boys' Club at Camp Russell, the General Electric Athletic Association and the YMCA at Ponterill.

Wild Acres, which is owned by the Pittsfield Conservation Commission, will open for the season June 2 and close Sept. 30, Hebert said. Fishing derbies for youngsters and senior citizens being planned by the Friends of Wild Acres will take place May 19, 20 and 21.

Hebert also said the Children's Zoo at Springside Park will be open from May 5 to Sept. 3 and that lifeguards will be on hand at the city beaches from June 25 to Sept. 3. If funding is available this year, some city playgrounds will be staffed from June 25 to Sept. 3.

5-16-84 2-day fishing derby planned for children

The annual children's fishing derby sponsored by the Friends of Wild Acres and the Pittsfield Department of Recreation will be held Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Wild Acres at 479 South Mountain Road.

The derby is open to boys and girls ages 6 through 14. Prizes will be given to those who catch the first three tagged fish each day. There is a limit of five fish per day. All children wishing to participate must register for the event.

Fishing derby is held for senior citizens

More than 112 people participated on opening day of the season's first Senior Citizen Fishing Derby and caught approximately 200 fish.

The derby was held at Wild Acres on Tuesday and yesterday. Sponsored by the Friends of Wild Acres in cooperation with the Conservation Commission and the Department of Recreation, it was open to people age 60 and over.

Prizes were awarded to the persons catching the first three tagged fish. First prize went to John DiOrio, second to Starr Whitney and third to Ray Thibido.

Another derby for senior citizens will be held June 4 and 5 from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. MAY 24 1984

Our Berkshires

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Wild Acres fishing derbies

By Ted Giddings

FISHING DERBIES for children, senior citizens and the handicapped have been a fixture at Wild Acres pond for so many years that they've come to be taken for granted. Except for those directly involved, few people seem to realize, since city funding of the derbies was discontinued because of Proposition 2½, that these popular events have survived mainly through voluntary contributions and support.

From the derbies' inception in 1968 until 1982 the purchase of hatchery trout for the pond was provided through a city budget item for pond fish. When that item was eliminated in 1982 because of Proposition 2½, Franklin H. "Frank" Controy, Conservation Commission chairman, secured contributions of \$1,500 from the Rotary Club, \$800 from the Exchange Club and lesser amounts from other organizations and individuals to raise all but \$1,600 of the \$4,000 needed to buy trout and cover other expenses. A belated appropriation by Mayor Charles L. Smith and the City Council filled the gap.

Last year, however, voluntary funding wasn't forthcoming and the derbies appeared doomed until Bernard J. (Bernie) Goclawski, a GE ordnance plant marketing engineer, appealed for help and contributions in the letters columns of *The Eagle*. The result was the formation of Friends of Wild Acres, a non-profit membership organization, which succeeded in raising sufficient funds to buy trout and conduct the derbies in June, a few weeks later than the traditional time.

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A total of \$2,100 was donated last year by the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Rotary Club, Elks, ITAM, Italian-American Club, VFW Upper Housatonic Canoe Race Committee, and Harry's Supermarket. Membership fees and donations added \$900 to bring total income to \$3,000.

As of May 10, \$2,200 has been raised toward the goal of \$3,500-\$4,000 for this year's derbies, according to Bernie Goclawski, president of the Friends. Donors include VFW Post 448, Elks, ITAM, General Electric Company, GE Credit Union, Knights of Columbus, Berkshire Life, Pittsfield Cooperative Bank, Junior League of Pittsfield, IUE Local 254, Dalton Legion Post 155, plus more than \$500 netted from a venison/poenta dinner sponsored jointly with the Italian-American Club.

Some 2,000 trout measuring 10-12 inches and costing \$1.75 each will be stocked for the derbies. Also 30-50 big trout (1½-2 pounds) will be released in the pond. They cost \$4.50 per pound.

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The derbies, under supervision of the city's Parks and Recreation Department, for children 6-14 will be tomorrow and Sunday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dates for seniors are May 22, 23, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. and June 4, 5, 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Handicapped persons will fish June 2, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The pond will be closed all day May 21



Bernie Goclawski, top right, with young friends at a recent derby

and June 1 for stocking.

Children 6-14 are allowed to fish during the summer except when the pond is closed for stocking or when derbies for others are being held. They should call Springside House (448-8274) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday for information on when the Wild Acres entrance gates are open.

You can assure the continuation of the derbies by joining the Friends of Wild Acres (annual fee \$10) and purchasing a decal for your car or other suitable place for \$1. Memberships and decals will be sold at the derbies and may also be obtained from Bernie Goclawski, Franklin M. Patrick, treasurer, Richard D. Petruzzella, secretary, and any of the 15 members of the board of directors of the Friends.

Incidentally, the Friends received tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service last March.

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aluminum case enclosing a Ruger over-and-under shotgun with the seal embedded in the stock. This was the third time the congressman, a Boston College graduate, has received a Georgetown honor. He was awarded an honorary degree in 1978, and two years ago was given the president's medal of honor.

Raymond W. McGill, 59, veterans service agent for Stockbridge, who died a week ago, was a fisherman and hunter despite his handicap of being a paraplegic. He was instrumental in having the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife schedule its first Berkshire County deer hunt for paraplegics in 1978. The hunts had been held only on Nantucket until he intervened. During the 1980 season he killed a 12-pointer, 206 pounds in Becket. He was honored for his hunting accomplishments in a ceremony in 1981 at East Lee Steak House.

Checked recently at Onota Boat Livery were these catches: Lloyd Johnston, 42 Gilbert St., chain pickerel, 5 pounds, 10 ounces, Stockbridge Bowl on live bait; Raymond J. Koldys, 11 Taylor St., crappie, 1 pound, 13 ounces, Onota Lake; Edward Lorette, 4 Student's Lane, crappie, 1 pound, 12 ounces, Stockbridge Bowl.

Members of Central Berkshire Bowmen are asked to be at the club's outdoor range on Churchill Street tomorrow and also May 26 at 10 a.m. to participate in the spring cleanup of the property.

Kids reel in 527 trout at Wild Acres derby

By Theodore Giddings

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Using about every conceivable bait, including nightcrawlers, small garden worms, kernels of canned corn, small marshmallows and artificial flies and metal lures, 635 young anglers caught 527 freshly stocked trout in their annual fishing derby yesterday and Saturday at Wild Acres Pond off South Mountain Road.

Fred P. Garner of the co-sponsoring city Recreation Department reported that the 506 boys reeled in 427 fish and the 129 girls took 100. Most of their trout measured 10 to 12 inches, but several brood stock brookies weighing up to 2 pounds were landed.

Four hundred twenty of the fish were caught opening day before the trout became wise to what was going on and weren't so easily seduced by the tempting offerings of the youngsters. Weather was favorable both days, although a light rain began to fall just before the 7 p.m. closing yesterday.

Only two accidents marred the popular event. David Foley, a Civil Defense volunteer and emergency medical technician, removed a hook from the finger of one boy and from the face, just below the eye, of another. They were treated and told what to do if complications developed.

Other sponsors of the derby were

the Friends of Wild Acres, the non-profit organization that purchased the trout, and the Pittsfield Conservation Commission. Robert and Sally L'Hote, volunteers, are in residence at the Wild Acres cabin to protect the property against poachers.

The pond is closed today but will be open tomorrow and Wednesday from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the annual derby for seniors.

Winners of prizes at the children's derby for catching tagged trout were: Jamie Virgilio, 12, 30 Putnam Ave., rod and reel; Mike Carte, 9, 56 Marian Ave., reel; Stefan Townsen, 13, 7 Santa Maria Place, tackle box; Church Robinson, 13, 22 Garland Ave., rod and reel; Craig Shaw, 13, 96 Lincoln St., tackle box, and Joe Dondi, 7, 48 Woodleigh Ave., goodie bag.

Also, Jessica Virgilio, 8, 30 Putnam Ave., rod and reel; Tanya Goclawski, 287 Holmes Road, tackle box; Renee Beaudoin, 11, 86 Memorial Drive, tackle box; Erica Patrick, 14, 105 Robbins Ave., cooler.

Fund-raising campaign

The Friends of Wild Acres, a citizens group set up last year to keep the fishing derbies going in light of lack of city funds, is conducting a fund-raising campaign.

Bernard J. Goclawski, president of Friends of Wild Acres, said that so far the group has raised about \$2,500 but needs to raise \$3,500 to \$4,000 — the level needed to fund good annual fishing derbies for young people, the elderly and the handicapped. The money goes to buying the trout. Two thousand trout 10 to 12 inches in length are stocked for the derbies at a cost of \$1.75 each. In addition, about 40 larger trout up to 2 pounds are stocked at a cost of \$4.50 a pound.

"The average youngster who catches five trout will go home with \$9 worth of fish," Goclawski said.

The group sells memberships for \$10 a year and also accepts contributions, which should be made to Friends of Wild Acres, in care of Goclawski at 287 Holmes Road.



Mark Mitchell

The ones that didn't get away MAY 21 1984

Young anglers prepare to reel in their catches at the annual Wild Acres fishing derby Saturday. Some 635 youngsters

caught 527 freshly stocked trout during the annual two-day event in Pittsfield this weekend. Story on Page 9.



Margaret Najimy



Carolyn Walsh



Nadine Johnson



Shelley DeGroat



Ann DeSanctis



Tonia Scalise

Photos by Shartrand
Nathaline Brown

39th annual Winter Carnival queen contest begins tonight

The annual Winter Carnival queen contest will begin this evening when the seven queen contestants and their mothers are entertained at a dinner at the Stanley Club to kick off the contest. The contest is sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee Inc. as part of its 39th annual carnival.

Each contestant must sell a minimum of 1,000 winter carnival buttons to become eligible to compete for the title of Winter Carnival queen and lady-in-waiting.

The queen and lady-in-waiting will be selected at the queen's coronation ball on Feb. 3 at Itam Lodge. The panel of three judges will make its selection based on poise, appearance, personality, expression and understanding of the winter carnival activities.

The sale of buttons is a separate contest and has no bearing on the

judging of the queen or lady-in-waiting. A special award will be presented to the contestant selling the most buttons by the Winter Sports Committee.

This year, the contestants will choose a "Miss Congeniality," who will receive an appropriate remembrance. The queen and her court will receive gifts donated by local merchants and purchased by the Winter Sports Committee, according to Miss Pamela M. Bertoldi, contest chairman.

Contestants are:

Nathaline S. Brown, 17, of 718 West Housatonic St. is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Brown of 88 Daniels Ave.

A senior at Taconic High School, where she is a cheerleader, she was an actress with the Berkshire Public Theater's production of the play "Hair." Miss Brown plans to join the Air Force upon

graduation in June.

Shelley A. DeGroat, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Monterosso of 47 Atwood Ave. A 1983 graduate of Taconic High School, she is a student at Berkshire Community College in the executive secretarial program. She was on the yearbook committee at Taconic and would like to work with children or become an executive secretary.

Miss DeGroat is a cashier at Adams Superama and works at the Norman Rockwell Early Childhood Center at

Berkshire Community College. She is a part-time waitress at the Soda Chef, she is a special olympic volunteer, a Confraternity of Christian Doctrine teacher's aide and supports an orphan through the Catholic Near

East Welfare Association. She would like to study early childhood education.

Tonia L. Scalise, 20, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Scalise of 645 Dalton Division Road. She graduated from Wahconah Regional High School in 1980 and from Becker Junior College in 1982 with a major in travel and tour and a minor in computer science. She is a professional travel counselor at the Berkshire Travel Agency. At high school, she was in the pep club, tribe member, class treasurer, cheerleader and member of the National Honor Society. At Becker, she was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, travel club and a dean's list student. Her ambition is to become a profes-

sional travel counselor for a major corporation. She is sponsored by BETNR Engineering & Construction Corp.

Carolyn M. Walsh, 18, of 26 Hamlin St., is the daughter of Mrs. Patricia A. Walsh of 35 Montgomery Ave. She is a 1983 graduate of Taconic High School and plans to enter Berkshire Community College this month in the executive secretarial program. She is employed part time

at Price Chopper, her sponsor. At high school, she was a member of the yearbook committee, girls athletic association, pep club and class executive board in her junior year. She attended Barbizon Modeling School in Hartford, Conn., and Albany, N.Y., and was one of the 20 finalists in the Miss Teen Massachusetts state pageant in 1980 and was a contestant in the Miss Dream Girl Pageant in 1981.

Winter sports group to meet tomorrow

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee Inc. will meet tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Springside House, according to Fred P. Garner Sr., chairman.

The status of the Berkshire Hills Outdoor Speed Skating Championships will be discussed, as will other Winter Carnival events scheduled for January.

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JAN 4 1984 CORRECTIONS

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee will meet tonight at 7:30 at Springside House. An incorrect time was given in yesterday's Eagle.

Nadine F. Johnson, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson of 34 Prospect St. A senior at Taconic High School, she is employed part time at Syntronics Co. At school, she is in the pep club, on the student council and dance committee and participates in track and varsity basketball. She is in the Second Congregational Church youth choir and is a Sunday school teacher. She would like to go into the Air Force and study communications. Miss Johnson is being sponsored by Syntronics Inc.

Margaret M. Najimy, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman

The 39th annual Winter Carnival sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee, a volunteer citizens group, will get into full swing this weekend with the first sports event of the season, the Berkshire Hills Outdoor Speed Skating Championships.

The skating championships, one of the original Winter Carnival events, will take place Saturday and Sunday at Pontoosuc Lake.

On Jan. 22, toboggan races will be held at Osceola Park. Ronald D. Przedpelski is chairman of the event.

The city Alpine ski meet, chaired by Roland E. Blood, is slated for Jan. 28 at Osceola Park.

There will be four events on Jan. 29, all at Onota Lake:

Winter Sports Family Day, under the direction of Thomas J. Angelini; an ice fishing derby, chaired by Mario Rizzardi; a "golf on ice"

tournament run by Herbert "Spike" Jones, and a cross country ski race chaired by Robert J. Zuber.

The annual coronation ball will be held Feb. 3 at Itam Lodge. Chairwomen are Mrs. Edward F. Bertoldi and Mrs. Joseph Maffuccio. The Winter Carnival queen and her lady-in-waiting will be crowned that night.

The Berkshire Motor Sports Club ice trials will take place at Onota Lake Feb. 4 and 5, under the direction of Clark Nicholls.

The Winter Carnival will conclude Feb. 19 with the Pittsfield Indoor Speed Skating Championships at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Skating Rink in North Adams. Chairman of the event is Carl E. Peaslee.

Further information on any of the Winter Carnival events can be obtained by contacting the city Recreation Department at Springside House.



Mark Mitchell

Queen contestants launch campaign

Candidates for Pittsfield Winter Carnival queen began the annual contest to sell buttons to support carnival events at a dinner Friday at the Stanley Club. Left to right are the Misses Carolyn M. Walsh, Nadine F. Johnson, Nathaline S. Brown, Ann M. DeSanctis, Margaret M. Najimy, Shelley A. DeGroat and Tonia Scalise. Each contestant must sell at least 1,000 buttons to be eligible for queen or lady-in-waiting. The crowning will be at a ball on Feb. 3 at Itam Lodge.

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Speed skating, JAN 14 1984

Speed skating, high school sports and a big college schedule will give sports fans plenty to watch for this weekend as Berkshire County hosts one of its busiest agendas of the winter season.

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Highlighting the weekend will be the Berkshire Hills Outdoor Speed Skating Championships, an event of the 39th annual Pittsfield Winter Carnival, which has been moved from Pontoosuc Lake to Onota Lake.

Approximately 100 skaters from throughout the northeast are expected to compete, beginning this afternoon at 1 and tomorrow morning at 11. Spectators must use the Lakeway Drive entrance to Burbank Park off Valentine Road, and the races will be held in front of the newly constructed Controy Pavilion.

Mrs. Carl E. Peaslee is chairman of the event, which will include at least 11 members of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club and introductory remarks from Mayor Charles Smith and Park Commissioner Anthony Massimiano.

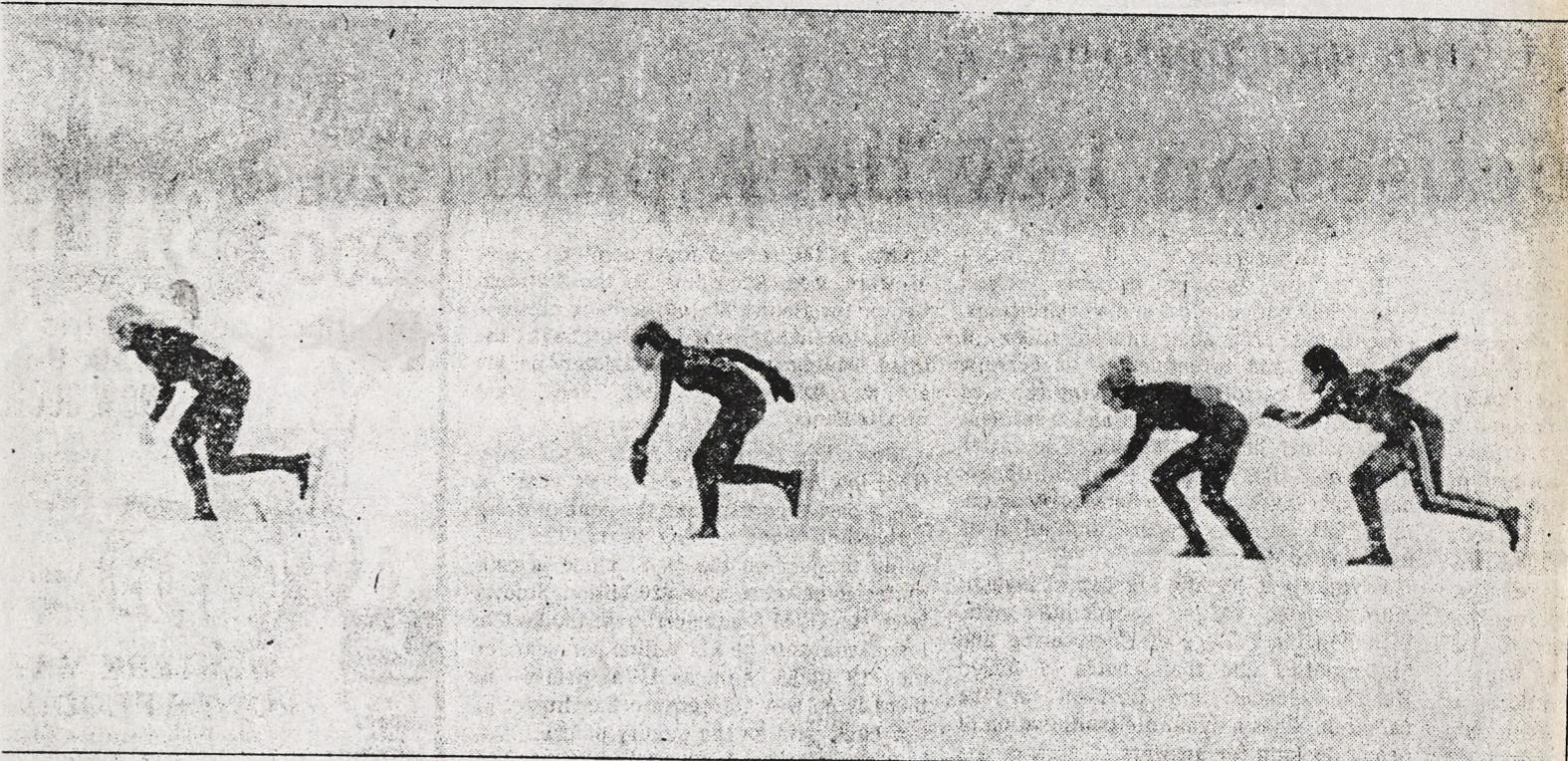


Photo by David Vallette

Sailing along the Onota Lake ice in Pittsfield Saturday, these senior skaters jockey for position in 800-meter competition during the Berkshire Hills Outdoor Speed Skating Championships.

Speed skaters vie on Onota Lake

By DAVID A. VALLETTE
Republican correspondent

FIELD — About 100 speed skaters d on Onota Lake here Saturday for the annual Berkshire Hills Outdoor Speed Championships.

ent, under the sponsorship of the Pittsfield Sports Committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation, is the first of seven to be held as part of the 39th Pittsfield Winter Carnival.

Skaters, who hail from New England, New York as far away as Ohio, shared the ample ice fishermen, who dotted the lake, but to the fleet athletes. A 400-meter oval was cleared for the races.

Day's events included competition in distances of 200, 300, 400, 600, 800, 1,000 and 3,000 with competitors ranging from the Pee Wee to the Master Class.

beginning at 11 a.m., competitors will race distances of 100, 250, 300, 400, 500, 1,000, 5,000 meters. The 5,000-meter race — as Memorial — will be the final event set, open to all senior, master, intermediate and Spike Jones is lap counter.

Cub Scout Pack 20 members are volunteer

iate and junior racers.

The races, which in prior years have been held on Pontoosuc Lake, were switched this year to Onota, where better ice conditions were found and where the city's new Controy Pavilion was built last fall. The pavilion, on the east shore of the lake, provided wood-stove warmth to skaters between races and was the base of operations for race organizers and announcer Fred Garner, Winter Sports Committee chairman.

Among competitors are 11 members of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club: senior women Mary Lou Bromback DiNicola and JoAnne Farry, juvenile girls Heather Vilot and Michelle Nardin, pony girls Missey Vilot and Jennifer Finnegan, pee wee girl Shauna Clement, senior men Arthur Ruff and Bill Farry, master Alex Goguen and pony boy Richard Rouse.

Judges for the races are Carl Peaslee, chief, Gail Garner and Penny Angelini. Patti Ryan is clerk of the course. Mary Smith and Mrs. Carle E. Peaslee, event chairwoman, are scorers. Deborah Franz is timer, Peter Franz is referee and Spike Jones is lap counter.

Cub Scout Pack 20 members are volunteer

Winners of Saturday's races were JoAnne Farry of Pittsfield in senior women A 800, Rosemary Abruzzese of Arlington in senior women B 800, 1,000 and 3,000, Bambi Reid of Lake Placid, N.Y., in junior girls 800, Brian Clark of Loudonville, N.Y., in juvenile boys 800, Gary Talbot of Schuylerville, N.Y., in senior men B 800 and 1,000 and Tony Marchese of Milton, N.Y., in senior men masters 800 and 3,000.

Also Noel Payne of East Elmhurst, N.Y., in juvenile girls 800, Barth Levy of Cleveland, Ohio, in senior men A 800 and 1,000, Hans Havorcamp of Syracuse, N.Y., in midget boys 400 and 600, Babs Reid of Lake Placid in midget girls 400 and 600, George Nowell of Winchester in junior boys 800, Kyle Brown of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., in pony boys 200 and 300 and Mary Brophy of Saratoga Springs in pony girls 200 and 300.

Also Leslie Moore of Flushing, N.Y., in senior women A 1,000 and 3,000, Debbie Nowell of Winchester in junior girls 300 and 1,000, Justin Brown of Saratoga Springs in juvenile boys 300, Heather Vilot of Lee in juvenile girls 300, Jessica Riley of Saratoga Springs in pee wee 300, Mark Moore of Newton in pee wee 200 and Mark Dorman of Sodus, N.Y., in senior men B 3,000.

Monday, Jan. 16, 1984



Bob McDonough

A winter's day at the beach

The Burbank Park section of Onota Lake was transformed into headquarters for the Berkshire Hills Outdoor Speed Skating Championships during the weekend. Above, Chuck Moore fires the starter's gun to launch a Pee Wee Division race. Above left, Pittsfield's JoAnne Farry, left, rounds the bend en route to victory that helped bring her the Senior Women's A title. At right, the sun shines brightly on a Masters race.



Mark Mitchell



Mark Mitchell

Berkshire Hills speed skating

Farry and Vilot win outdoor titles

By Bob McDonough

Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club members JoAnne Farry of Pittsfield and Heather Vilot of Lee came away with division championships yesterday as the Berkshire Hills Outdoor Speed Skating Championships concluded their two-day run at Onota Lake under ideal weather conditions.

Farry, a 28-year-old Pittsfield resident, captured the Senior Women's A Division title while Vilot, a 14-year-old from Lee, tied with Noel Payne of East Elmhurst, N.Y., for the Juvenile Girls' crown.

A total of 72 skaters from throughout the Northeast, including 11 members of the Pittsfield club, took part in the two-day event, part of the 39th Pittsfield Winter Carnival which was moved to a 400-meter track at Onota Lake near the new Controy Pavilion at Burbank Park.

"Everything went very, very well," said event chairman Mrs. Carl Peaslee of Pittsfield. "We got a lot of favorable comment on the facility and the scenery. And the city cooperated with us 100 percent."

While the bulk of the 14 division titles were won by New York State skaters, Farry and Vilot led a successful effort by the local club.

Farry was the big story, coming off a "retirement" of nearly 10 years to finish first in the 800-meter, second in the 3,000 and third in the 1,000 Saturday, then coming back yesterday to win the 1,500 and 500.

Farry and her brother, 30-year-old Bill Farry of Canaan, N.Y., were dominant in junior racing circles during the 1960s, and went to the national outdoor championships in Minnesota in 1971. Both are now registered nurses, JoAnne at Berkshire Medical Center and Bill at Hillcrest, and both decided this year to return to the skating wars.

"We started in 1959, and when you do it all the time, you just get burned out," Bill said yesterday. "Now everybody's getting into exercise, and this is a great way to do it."

Bill said he had a hand in his sister's return, too.

"I just kept bugging her, because I didn't like doing it alone."

"I was getting in shape for this all

summer," JoAnne said yesterday. "I was running, and going to Nautlius. I had this in the back of my mind, and I didn't want to come back and look terrible."

Both have qualified for the Empire State Games in New York, with an eye toward the national indoor championships scheduled this year at Lake Placid, N.Y.

Farry was the county's other big success story over the weekend, tying for the Juvenile title by winning the 300 and 500 and placing second in the 1,000 and 800.

The Farrys weren't the only local skaters who have recently dusted off long-unworn skates. Mary Lou DiNicola of Pittsfield, who until last week had last competed in 1958 as Mary Lou Bromback, finished third in one Senior Women's A event and fourth in four others.

Veteran Pittsfield skater Alex Gougen missed out on the Masters title, losing to Tony Marchese of Milton, N.Y., despite finishing second in the 800, 1,500 and 3,000 and third in the 500. Marchese won all the Masters events.

Among other area skaters, Muffie Nardin of Lee grabbed several third-place finishes in the Juvenile Girls' division and Richard Rouse of Williamstown and Jennifer Finnegan of Lee had several fourth-place finishes in the Pony Division.

Paul Marchese of Milton, N.Y. won the final event, the prestigious Exchange Club Francis E. Douglas Memorial 5,000-meter race.

The army of Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club officials besides Mrs. Peaslee included chief judge Carl Peaslee and assistants Gail Garner and Penny Angelini, clerk of course Patti Ryan, scorers Mary Smith and Mrs. Peaslee, timer Deborah Franz, referee Peter Franz, announcer Fred Garner and lap counter Spike Jones.

Bill Puntin, Dave Melle, Vin Herbert and John Marchesi were in charge of properties, Joan Melle in charge of ribbon awards, Mary Ellen Puntin in charge of refreshments and 1983 Winter Carnival Queen Sandra Brooks in charge of trophy awards.

Complete results can be found on the Scoreboard, on Page 36.

Speed skating results

BERKSHIRE HILLS OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

SENIOR MASTERS
1,500 — 1, Tony Marchese, Milton, N.Y.; 2, Alex Goguen, Pittsfield; 3, Joe Dauphinais, Fitchburg, 500 — 1, Marchese; 2, Dauphinais; 3, Goguen; 800 — 1, Marchese; 2, Goguen; 3, Dauphinais, 3,000 — 1, Marchese; 2, Goguen; 3, George Walker, Beverly Farms. Champion — Marchese.

SENIOR MEN A
500 — 1, John Sand, Stratford, Conn.; 2, Barth Levy, Cleveland, Ohio; 3, Vin Gagliano, Bronx, N.Y. 1,500 — 1, Levy; 2, Sand; 3, Chris Shelley, Waltham, 800 — 1, Levy; 2, Richie Wurster, Columbus, Ohio; 3, Gagliano, 1,000 — 1, Levy; 2, Paul Marchese, Milton, N.Y.; 3, Gagliano, 3,000 — 1, Levy; 2, Wurster; 3, Gagliano. Champion — Levy.

SENIOR MEN B

1,000 — 1, Gary Talbot, Schuylerville, N.Y.; 2, Bill Farry, Canaan, N.Y.; 3, Ralph Abruzzese, Marlboro, 3,000 — 1, Mark Dominick, Sodus, N.Y.; 2, Farry; 3, Steve Hallisey, Natick, 800 — 1, Talbot; 2, Lloyd Clark, Loudonville, N.Y.; 3, Farry, 1,500 — 1, Talbot; 2, Clark; 3, Abruzzese, 500 — 1, Talbot; 2, Marty Hill, Liverpool, N.Y.; 3, Farry, Champion — Talbot.

SENIOR WOMEN A

1,500 — 1, Joanne Farry, Pittsfield; 2, Leslie Moore, Flushing, N.Y.; 3, Carol Moore, Flushing, 500 — 1, Farry; 2, Carol Moore; 3, Mary Lou DiNola, Pittsfield, 500 — 1, Farry; 2, Carole Moore; 3, Leslie Moore, 1,000 — 1, Leslie Moore; 2, Carole Moore; 3, Farry, 3,000 — 1, Leslie Moore; 2, Farry; 3, Carole Moore. Champion — Farry.

SENIOR WOMEN B

800 — 1, Rosemary Abruzzese, Arlington; 2, Joanne Hallisey, Natick, 1,000 — 1, Abruzzese; 2, Hallisey, 3,000 — 1, Abruzzese; 2, Hallisey, 1,500 — 1, Abruzzese; 2, Hallisey, 500 — 1, Abruzzese; 2, Hallisey, Champion — Abruzzese.

JUNIOR GIRLS

800 — 1, Bambi Reid, Lake Placid; 2, Kristen Talbot, Schuyler.

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Winter sports group to meet Wednesday

Fred P. Garner Sr., chairman of the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee Inc., has announced that the committee will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Springside House, 874 North St.

Final plans will be made for the toboggan races scheduled for Osceola Park on Sunday, plans will be discussed for the city ski meet scheduled Saturday, Jan. 28 and for all events that are part of Family Day set Sunday, Jan. 29.

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10 Years Ago

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JAN 20 1984 Toboggan races set for Sunday at Osceola Park

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee will sponsor toboggan races Sunday from noon to 3:30 at Osceola Park as part of the 39th annual Winter Carnival.

The event is open to residents of Pittsfield and adjoining towns.

Ronald D. Przedpelski, chairman of the event, said the meet will consist of events for two-, three- and four-person toboggans. Each toboggan will make two runs, and the better of the two times will be recorded. Racers may enter more than one category. Trophies will be awarded to the first three top finishers in each category.

Przedpelski said that only wooden, U-shaped toboggans will be permitted, that proper wax should be applied, according to snow and weather conditions, and that people participating should wear heavily padded clothing. Toboggans will be available for loan, he said.

Entry forms are available at the Department of Recreation office at 874 North St. and will be available on Sunday at the park from 11 to noon. Applicants under 18 years of age must have their parents' signature on the entry blank.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the chairman at his home, 443-9597.

JAN 25 1984

10 Years Ago
Tom Curry, Daniel Milette, Maureen Kelly, Susan Kordana, Karen Homa, Brian Rowell, Peter Connors, Charles Homa and Mike Tornicelli were winners of high-point trophies in the annual skating meet at the Boys' Club.

Toboggan race has 48 entrants

Snow conditions were the best ever at the fourth annual toboggan race sponsored yesterday by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee, said event chairman Ronald D. Przedpelski.

Though the weather was cold, the sun shone and snow conditions were perfect, resulting in fast runs, Przedpelski said. The toboggan run at Osceola Park was about 150 meters long, he said. There were 48 entrants.

First-place winners in the two-person class were Michael Root of 16 Dexter Ave. and Philip Farrar of 86 Hawthorne Ave., with a time of 15.34 seconds. Second place went to Mark Germanowski of 7 Lucille St. and Joseph Lussier of Route 49, 15.47 seconds; third went to Philip Green of 21 Third St. and Mark Hamling, 16.23 seconds.

Hamling, 375 Springside Ave., 15.63 seconds.

In the three-person class, first went to Kathy Plude of 86 Hawthorne Ave., Philip Farrar and Michael Root, 15.84 seconds. Second-place winners were Scott Woodin of 377 Springside Ave., Bud Verge, 179 Allengate Ave. and Philip Green, 16 seconds; and third place went to Mark Bruno, 14 Meadow Lane, Michael Root and Philip Farrar, 16.20 seconds.

In the four-person class, winners were Mark Germanowski, Michael Spratt of 249 Hancock Road, John Sanginetti of 327 Fenn St. and James LaFrance of 409 Fenn St., 15.70 seconds. Second place went to Mark Hamling, Scott Woodin, Bud Verge and Philip Green, 15.96 seconds; and third, Jamie, Jessica and Ronald Virgilio of 30 Putnam Ave. and Gary Virgilio of 485 Pecks Road, 16.23 seconds.

JAN 20 1984 Fishing derby is set for Jan. 29

The annual ice-fishing derby sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee will be held on Sunday, Jan. 29, at Onota Lake, event chairman Mario Rizzardi has announced.

Participants must register at the Controy Pavilion at Burbank Park between 7 and 11 a.m. To reach the pavilion, people should use the Lakeway Drive entrance to Burbank Park off Valentine Road, he said.

There will be four divisions for men and women 17 years of age and over and boys and girls under the age of 17. Prizes will be awarded as follows: first prize, heaviest fish, any species; and second through sixth prizes, heaviest pike, bass, pickerel, trout and perch, respectively. Each entrant will be eligible for only one prize.

All fish must be checked in at the Controy Pavilion by 2 p.m. A registration fee of \$1 will be charged for adults.

JAN 24 1984

Winter sports board will meet tomorrow

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee will meet tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. at Springside House, 874 North St., to make final plans for the city ski meet Saturday and Family Day on Sunday.

At its last meeting, the committee voted to donate \$200 to the Special Olympics Winter Games to help defray the cost of ice time for skating events at the Pittsfield Boys' Club.

The blanks for both events may be obtained at the Department of Recreation office at 874 North St., the Boys' Club and the Girls Club and should be returned to the Department of Recreation by 5 on Friday.

JAN 24 1984

Preparations are made for winter races

Entry blanks are available for the Family Day sliding and skating races scheduled for Sunday at Burbank Park, Onota Lake, according to Fred P. Garner Sr., chairman of the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. William Puntin are chairmen of the sliding events, which will begin at 1. There will be two categories, for plastic sleds and double runners, with age divisions for both boys and girls ages 6 and 7, 8 to 10, and 11 and 12.

Mary Smith and Patti Ryan are chairmen of the skating races, scheduled to start at 2. There will be races for both boys and girls ages 6 and 7, 8 to 10, 11 and 12, and 13 to 15.

Entry blanks for both events may be obtained at the Department of Recreation office at 874 North St., the Boys' Club and the Girls Club and should be returned to the Department of Recreation by 5 on Friday.

The blanks also will be available at registration on Sunday at the Controy Pavilion at Onota Lake. A parent's signature is required.

Ribbons and trophies will be awarded to winners in both events, which are open to residents of Pittsfield and adjoining towns.

All participants must check in at the Controy Pavilion a half-hour prior to starting time, by 12:30 for sliding and by 1:30 for skating.

The Lakeway Drive entrance to Burbank Park at Valentine Road must be used to get to the pavilion.

JAN 24 1984

Queen's ball heads named

Mrs. Edward Bertoldi and Mrs. Joseph Maffuccio today were named chairmen of the annual Winter Carnival queen's coronation ball. The event will be Feb. 3 at Itam Lodge, where Esquire will provide music for dancing from 9 to 1.

Tickets may be obtained at \$7 a couple at the Recreation Department office, from either chairman or Mrs. Carl Peaslee, who also will take reservations for tables of 10.

Three judges will select the queen and her lady-in-waiting, and the selection of Miss Congeniality will be announced. All queen contestants who have sold a quota of at least 1,000 Winter Carnival buttons will be eligible for judging.

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JAN 26 1984 Picnic pavilion to be dedicated at Onota Lake

The new picnic pavilion at Onota Lake's Burbank Park will be dedicated Sunday to Franklin H. Controy, longtime chairman of the Conservation Commission who conceived the idea for the pavilion and did much of the construction work himself.

The dedication ceremony, to be conducted by Mayor Charles L. Smith, is scheduled for 3. It will cap Family Day, the largest Winter Carnival event in the history of the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee.

Family Day will include an ice-fishing derby, a golf-on-ice tournament and sled, skating and cross country ski races. There also will be horse-drawn sleigh rides and hot-air balloon rides at noon and a food concession.

Berkshire Ambulance Service will provide medical coverage.

Family Day, part of the 39th annual Winter Carnival, is open to residents of Pittsfield and adjoining towns. It is funded by proceeds of the annual winter sports equipment sale and the sale of Carnival buttons by queen contestants. The sale of buttons will end Monday at 5.

Participants and spectators must use the Lakeway Drive entrance to Burbank Park. Access will not be available from Peck's Road.

JAN 27 1984 Alpine ski meet delayed 2 weeks

The city Alpine ski meet, scheduled for tomorrow as part of the 39th annual Winter Carnival, has been postponed until Saturday, Feb. 11.

Event chairman Roland Blood said this week's heavy rain made the hill at Osceola Park unsuitable for the race.

The decision was made at a meeting of the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee Wednesday.

The committee will not meet next Wednesday, as customary, but instead will gather Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Sons of Italy Itam Lodge to decorate it for the carnival queen coronation ball to be held Friday, Feb. 3.

Next month, the committee will meet Feb. 15 and Feb. 29, when officers will be elected. Serving on the nominating committee are Mrs. David Melle, chairman, and Mrs. William Puntin and John Atkinson.

JAN 26 1984

Area sports

JAN 26 1984

Annual city ski meet set for Saturday

CITY SKI MEET: The annual City Ski Meet sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee has been scheduled for Saturday at Osceola Park. The race is open to junior skiers, aged 17 and under, from Pittsfield, Dalton, Lenox, Hancock, Lanesboro, Richmond and Washington, according to chairman Roland Blood. The race will start at 10 a.m.

The race will be an easy giant slalom, and the combined time of two runs will be used to determine winners. Trophies will be awarded to the top three boys and girls in age categories 8-and-under, 9-11, 12-14 and 15-17.

Entry blanks can be obtained from the Department of Recreation office at 874 North St. or from Blood at 237 Eleanor Road. A blank can also be found on this page. Entries can be returned to the Department of Recreation or Blood, and must be received at least a half-hour before the race.

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10 Years Ago

Patrick M. Calautti of 339 Fenn St. caught a 26½-inch, 4-pound, 8-ounce pickerel that won honors as the largest fish caught at the 29th annual winter carnival ice-fishing derby at Pontoosuc Lake.

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Age Group (as of 12/31 /83)	Girls	Boys
8 & under	_____	_____
9 to 11	_____	_____
12 to 14	_____	_____
15 to 17	_____	_____

Please enter me in the events checked. In consideration of your accepting this entry I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the City of Pittsfield, Mass., the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee, Inc. or the Department of Recreation and the owners of property on which the races will be held, their agents, successors, representatives and assigns, including members of the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee, Inc. for any and all injuries suffered by me at the said races.

In witness thereof, I have hereto set my hand this _____ day of _____ 1984.

Name _____ Address _____

Phone No. _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Sex _____

School _____

Parent or Guardian _____
(Signature)

Entry must be signed by parent or guardian to enter this ski meet. Return to: Dept. of Recreation, 874 North Street, or Roland Blood, 237 Eleanor Road, Pittsfield, MA. 01201.

Help needed at races:

(Please sign)

JAN 26 1984

Fishing-derby time again

JAN 27 1984

ICE-ANGLING: stopped virtually cold in its tracks by last weekend's arctic-like weather, has started to unthaw. And that's good news for sponsors of a series of annual winter fishing derbies at lakes and ponds in the Berkshires.

Tomorrow, starting at 8 a.m., Taconic Chapter of Trout Unlimited will have its first annual Ice Fishing Day in front of the Root Cottage at Stockbridge Bowl. Access is through the public right-of-way off Route 183. Prizes will be awarded, and the entry fee is \$5.

After a year's lapse, the Pittsfield Winter Carnival derby is set to go Sunday at Onota Lake. There will be four divisions: for men and women 17 years of age and over, and for boys and girls under 17. Prizes are being offered for the heaviest fish of any species as well as for the heaviest pike, bass, pickerel, trout and perch.

Contestants must register at the new Controy Pavilion at Burbank Park between 7 and 11 a.m. Fish must be checked there by 2 p.m. Registration fee is \$1 for adults; no charge for children. Entrance to the pavilion is by way of Lakeway Drive off Valentine Road.

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Mark Mitchell

GOLF ON ICE competition sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee Saturday drew a field of 34 golfers, including, from left to right, Joe Hopper, Roy Meckes and Bruce Chapman, here putting on the Onota Lake course. Tracy Goodrich won the event with a 28, beating out his brother, Terry, who was second with a 32.

JAN 31 1984 Winners named in Pittsfield skating races

Winners of Sunday's children's speed-skating races, held as part of the Pittsfield Winter Carnival family day, were announced by Fred Garner, chairman of the Winter Sports Committee.

Winners were:

Girls, ages 6 and 7, Polly Polidoro, 53 Elmer Ave. and Melissa Melle, 63 Gale Ave.; ages 8 to 10, Challis Polidoro, 53 Elmer Ave., Erin Murphy, 186 Lebanon Ave. and Tammy Omann of 23 Hillside Ave.

Boys, ages 6 and 7: Ricky Duzlak, 225 Highland Ave.; ages 8 to 10, Jamie Laramy, 15 Oswald Ave. and Billy Murphy, 116 Danforth Ave.; ages 11 to 12, Scott Turner, 127 Bromback St.; ages 13 to 15, Bob Arseneau, 85 Thomas Island Road and Dave Melle, 63 Gale Ave.

About 20 youngsters competed in the event. First-place winners received trophies, and second- and third-place winners received ribbons, Garner said.

Chairmen of the event were Mary Smith and Patty Ryan.

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HOLDING THE LEAD over Kyle Brown (left) of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., Metropolitan's Ryan Lindstedt races to victory in the pony boys' division of yesterday's Berkshire Hills Indoor Speedskating meet at North Adams.

Speed skating

DiNicola, Vilot capture Berkshire Indoor titles

NORTH ADAMS — Mary Lou DiNicola of Pittsfield and Heather Vilot of Lee won their respective class championships to highlight action yesterday in the Berkshire Hills Indoor Speed Skating Championships at the Vietnam Veterans rink.

Their performances helped lift the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating team to a third-place finish in the team competition. Saratoga, N.Y., won the team title, while the Boston-

based Bay State Speed Skating Club was second.

DiNicola won the Senior Women's B Division title, while Vilot took top honors in the Juvenile Girls class.

DiNicola finished first in the 500, 800 and 1,000-meter races, and placed second to Rosemary Abruzzese of Arlington in the 1,500-meter event.

Vilot, meanwhile, won her divisional title by finishing first in the

300-meter event and placing second in both the 500 and the 800.

The only other Berkshire County racer to win a race was Pittsfield veteran Alex Goguen, who took first prize in the Senior Men's Masters 1,500-meter competition. Goguen was placed second to Tony Marchese of Milton, N.Y., in both the 500-meter and 800-meter master events.

Other leading county finishers included Pittsfield's JoAnne Farry, who was second in the Senior Women's A Division 1,000-meter race, Missy Vilot of Lee, who placed fourth in the Pony Girls' 300-meter event, Jenny Finnegan of Lee, who was third in the Pony Girls' 200-meter run and fourth in the 400-meter race, and Richard Rouse of Williamstown, who placed second in the 200-meter race and fourth in the 300-meter event in the Pony Boys' class.

Other class champions included Pat Maxwell of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., who won the Senior Men's A division, Dan Greene of Saratoga Springs, who won the Senior Men's B class, Marchese, who took the Senior Man's Masters title, and Bonny Jo Reid of Balston Spa, N.Y., who was first overall in the Senior Women's A category.

Boys' class winners included Barney Pimentel of Balston Spa, who won the junior crown, Brian Clark of Loudonville, N.Y., who won the juvenile title, Tim Quinn of North Olmsted, Ohio, who captured the midget championship, his brother, Eric Quinn, who won the peewee title, and Ryan Lindstedt of New York's Metropolitan Speed Skating Club, who took pony honors.

Joining Vilot in the girls' championship circle were Debbie Nowell of Winchester, who won the junior crown, sisters Lexie and Jessica Riley of Saratoga Springs, who won the midget and peewee titles, and Mary Brophy of Saratoga Springs, who took top honors in the pony division.

25 Years Ago

Colin Garstang, Betsy Dallmeyer, Mary-Ann Placido and Gary Fillio were trophy winners in the 14th annual city speed-skating championships at the Common.

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10 Years Ago

Florsheim Shoe Co., one of the nation's largest producers of men's and women's quality shoes, bought the former Wall Street Shoe Co. in North Adams, which had stopped manufacturing in 1973 after 62 years of operation.

Eileen, Kathleen, Neil and Michael Mara and Holly Peters were winners in the Winter Sports Committee's snow-sculpture contest. They shared \$15 worth of gift certificates redeemable at McDonald's and Friendly's.

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MAR 20 1984 Winter sports board will hold banquet

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee will have its annual banquet Saturday, March 31, at the Sons of Italy Itam Lodge on Waubek Road.

Reservations must be made by Thursday by calling the banquet chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. David Melle of 63 Gale Ave. in the evening or Mrs. Carl Peaslee at the city Department of Recreation office during the day. Anyone who worked on any of the Winter Carnival activities but did not receive a banquet notice is invited to attend.

Cocktail hour will be from 6 to 7 p.m., with dinner at 7.

Funds available for competitors in winter sports

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee has announced that applications for financial support are now available for winter sports competitors who have earned the right to participate in district or national competition based on their performance in local competition.

In order to qualify, one must be a resident of Pittsfield or an abutting town, attend secondary school, be recommended by a coach or knowledgeable adult and file a request with the Winter Sports Committee's Financial Support Committee by April 2.

Pittsfield schools and organizations are also eligible to file for assistance. The amount to be paid an organization is based on its ability to pay, the number of people served, and need, as determined from a financial statement that must be submitted to the committee with the request.

It is the intent of the committee to make a contribution toward expenses, and not to pay full expenses of competitors or organizations.

Applications may be obtained at the Department of Recreation office, 874 North St. Additional information may be obtained from members of the Financial Support Committee: Carl Peaslee, Thomas Angelini or Charles Goodrich.

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Winter sports board donates to athletes, groups

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee has donated a total of \$2,436 to various winter sports competitors and organizations, according to its financial assistance committee.

This year's recipients were:

Todd Tuggey, Steven Blood, Tom Kushi, Chris Martin, Tim Trybus, Heather Cook, Jennifer Malnati, Amy Reed, Chris Tynan, Hilary Greene, Tod Niedeck, the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club, the St. Joseph's Booster Club and the Special Winter Olympics.

The committee raises its funds through a winter sports equipment sale and the sale of winter carnival buttons by the queen contestants.

MAY 4 1984

1984-85 Winter Carnival to be dedicated to Peaslees

The 1984-85 Winter Carnival will be dedicated to longtime Winter Sports Committee volunteers Carl and Patricia Peaslee, who have a combined total of 52 years of service, committee Chairman Fred P. Garner Sr. has announced.

The Peaslees were presented with a proclamation to that effect at the committee's annual banquet Saturday at Itam Lodge.

Mrs. Peaslee, who works for city's Office of Community Services at the Recreation Department office at Springside House, has been an active member of the Winter Sports Committee since 1957. Her husband, who is employed at Ethyl Products

Co., became an active member in 1959.

The couple, who live at 116 Shore Drive, also have been active in the Pittsfield Parks Speedskating Club, the Northern New York Skating Association and the Amateur Skating Union of the United States. Both were selected as skating officials for the 1980 Winter Olympics at Lake Placid, N.Y., where speed skater Eric Heiden won five gold medals for the United States.

Garner also announced that new events will be added to the 40th annual Winter Carnival. A planning meeting for next winter's carnival will be held in April.

He said the Winter Sports Committee desperately needs more volunteers and urged anyone interested in joining the committee to contact him, the Recreation Department or any member.

JUN 16 1984 Winter sports group to begin making plans

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee will hold a kick-off meeting on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Springside House to make plans for the 40th annual Winter Carnival.

The committee is seeking new volunteers to assist in the planning and conduct of the carnival events, according to Fred P. Garner Sr., committee chairman. Additional information concerning the Winter Sports Committee may be obtained by calling the chairman or the Department of Recreation office.

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Notre Dame plans fete

The Rev. Leo Leclerc, pastor of Notre Dame Church, announced today that Carl E. Peaslee of 116 Shore Drive will be chairman for

Notre Dame's annual family festival July 28 and 29 on the church grounds. The festival, "The French Experience," will incorporate traditional festival events with other activities of a French nature.

Traditional French foods will be offered in a cafe, and live entertainment will be featured under a tent. The festival will run from 1 to 11 Saturday and from noon to 9 Sunday.

Activities will be offered for all ages with a "funland area" for children and games of skill for adults. Go-cart and pony rides also will be featured. Other outdoor areas planned include a snack bar, fried dough booth and a giant tag sale on the church lawn.

Persons who wish to donate salable items in good condition for the tag sale may call Notre Dame Rectory for drop-off arrangements. Handcrafts, baked goods and plants will be located inside the church hall along with the French cafe.

Drawings for the door prizes offered will be at the close of the festival.



Joel Librizzi
Carl E. Peaslee

Sandra Brooks is runner-up 'Dream Girl'

Miss Sandra E. Brooks, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Brooks of 834 West Housatonic St., was second runner-up and the only Pittsfield winner in the Miss Northwestern Massachusetts American Dream Girl Pageant June 3 at Itam Lodge. She is eligible to compete in the nationals in October at Mount Airy Lodge in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania.

Miss Brooks received trophies, a gift certificate and a paid registration to the finals, where more than \$200,000 will be awarded.

The 1983 Pittsfield Winter Carnival queen, Miss Brooks attended Berkshire Community College and will enter McCann Vocational School's nursing program in September.

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Carnival boosters feted

By JOHN HITCHCOCK
Union bureau chief

PITTSFIELD — Carl and Pat Peaslee of 116 Shore Drive have been honored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee for their combined 52 years of volunteer service to the committee, which sponsors the annual Pittsfield Winter Carnival.

A proclamation was issued Saturday by Fred P. Garner Sr., chairman of the 1983-84 Winter Sports Committee, dedicating the carnival to the Peaslees "in recognition of their many years of faithful and dedicated service to the Winter Sports Committee."

"Be it also known that Carl and Pat will be honored guests at all Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee functions during the 40th Winter Carnival and will be accordingly treated as royalty," the proclamation stated.

The presentation was made at the annual banquet of the Winter Sports Committee, held Saturday at Itam Lodge.

Mrs. Peaslee has been an active committee member since 1957 and her husband became a member two years later.

They are both very active in the Pittsfield Parks Speedskating Club, the Northern New

York Skating Association and the Amateur Skating Union of the United States. Both were selected as Olympic skating officials for the 1980 Winter Olympics at Lake Placid, N.Y., where American Eric Heiden won five gold medals in speed skating.

Carl Peaslee is employed by Ethyl Products Co. and his wife works for the City of Pittsfield's Office of Community Services.

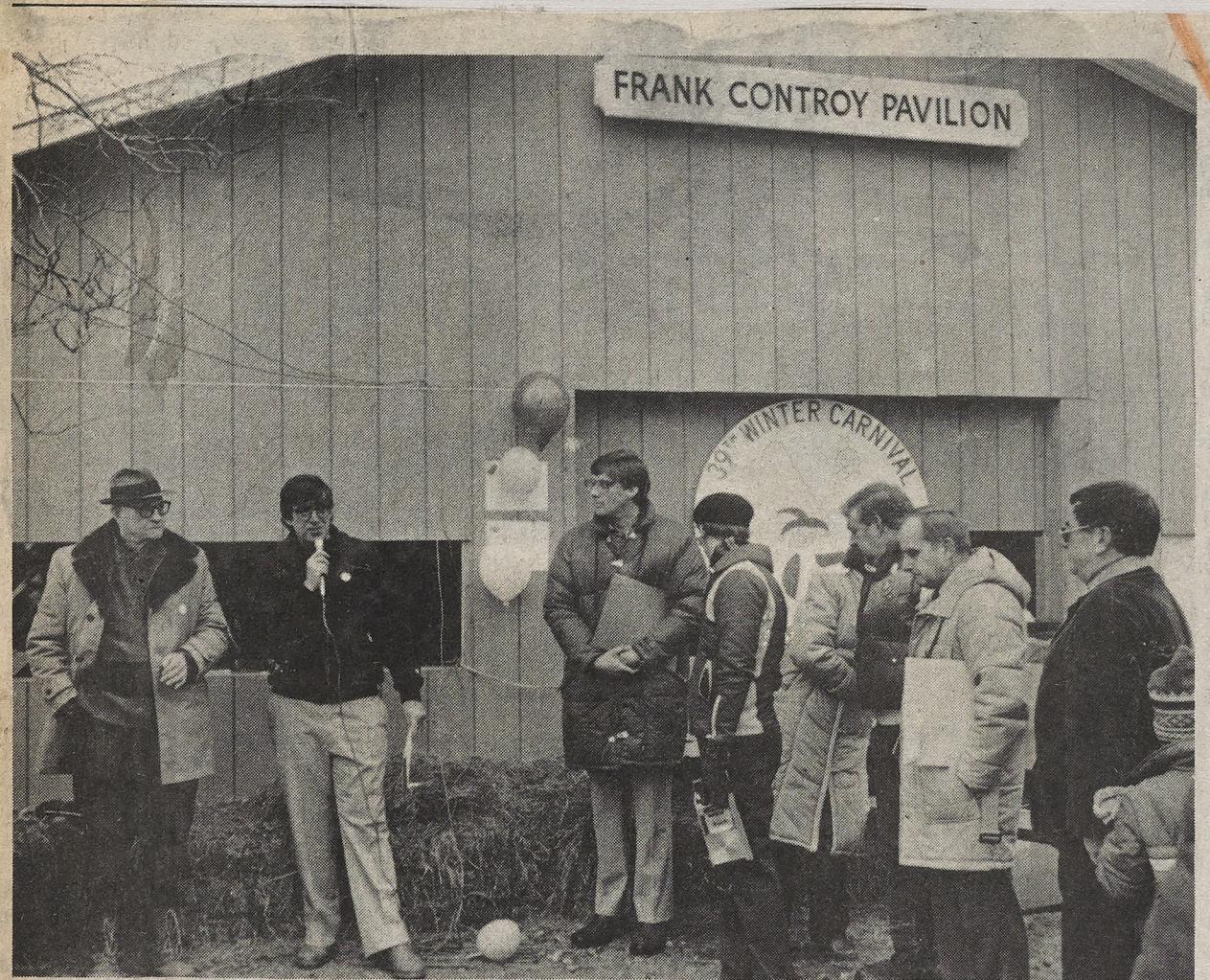
Garner said the 40th Winter Carnival will have new and expanded events next winter.

A planning meeting of the officers, advisory board of the committee and city officials will be held later this month to plan for the coming carnival.

"To have this and future Winter Carnivals be successful, the committee desperately needs more volunteers," Garner said.

Anyone wishing to join the committee is asked to contact Garner at 443-9217, the Recreation Department at the Office of Community Services, 448-8274, or any committee member.

The carnival conducts a winter sports sale each fall, as well as the carnival events, which range from competition in skiing, skating, sliding, ice-fishing and driving on ice to the annual carnival queen contest and ball.



DEDICATION of the Frank Controy Pavilion drew officials to praise the longtime chairman of the city's Conservation Commission, at left. Others, left to right, are: George S. Wislocki, state Sen. Peter C. Webber, Councilor Cynthia L. Betters, Fred P. Garner, state Rep. Robert Frank Jakubowicz and Roger B. Sloper.

Picnic pavilion dedicated

By Linda Carman

Franklin H. Controy, longtime chairman of the Conservation Commission, was lauded for his dedication and accomplishments by a bevy of officials yesterday at the dedication of a new picnic pavilion at Onota Lake's Burbank Park.

The pavilion is named for Controy, who initiated the idea, pursued a \$10,000 state grant and an \$11,000 city appropriation, and did much of the construction work himself.

Controy, looking woodsy in heavy red and black wool, said at the conclusion of the speeches, "I guess you could say this is my day."

He thanked others who had helped with the construction, including contractor Del P. Virgilio. He said, "I hope you enjoy it as much as I'm going to," adding, "Let's have some fun up here."

The dedication, which drew about 100, was the high point of Family Day, part of the 39th Winter Carnival. Competitions included an ice-fishing derby, a golf-on-ice tournament and sled, skating and cross country ski races, and hot-air balloon rides and sleigh rides were offered.

Fred P. Garner Sr., chairman of the Winter Sports Committee, estimated overall attendance at about 1,000, which he called "very good for the weather conditions" and about the same as last year's.

Other Carnival events include the ball featuring the crowning of the carnival queen Friday night at the Itam Lodge, and automobile ice trials Saturday and Sunday at Onota Lake.

Two events that were canceled because of sparse snow will be rescheduled. They are the cross country ski races to be held at the state forest and children's sled races at Clapp Park.



FISHERGIRL is Amy Pike, 9, whose prize-winning pike is on the ice. She was winner at the 39th annual Winter Carnival ice-fishing derby at Onota Lake.

Amy Pike's pike no piker in Onota ice-fishing derby

By Theodore Giddings

What's in a name?

Ask Amy Pike, 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Pike of 69 Oswald Ave. She will tell you with a big grin that she caught a pike yesterday at Onota Lake that was the largest fish taken by 116 contestants in the 39th annual Winter Carnival ice-fishing derby.

The pike weighed 5 pounds, 3 ounces and was 28.1 inches long, just over the minimum legal length. Amy, a 5th grader at Pomery School, made the catch on a tip-up baited with a shiner.

She was fishing at the family-day event with her parents, sister Wendy, 8, and brother Jeffrey, 3. Her father said they weren't having much luck until Amy had a flag up and yelled, "Daddy, I think I've got a big one!"

He said he doubted it because all they had caught were under-sized pickerel. "But I was wrong," he gladly admitted after watching her pull in the outsizer.

Asked later what Amy was going to do with the pike, he explained: "It's already been filleted. We're going to have it for supper tomorrow night."

Rods and reels were awarded to Amy and also to the winners of the men's, boys' and women's divisions. They were Len Shortz, Worthington Road, Huntington, 1 pound, 14-ounce pickerel; Robert Pruyne Jr., Diane Court, Lanesboro, 1 pound, 7-ounce largemouth bass; and Jean Wood, 91 Sadler Ave., 7-ounce yellow perch.

Other prize winners by divisions were:

Men — Gary Rist, 237 Wahconah St., 1 pound, 5-ounce black bass; Raymond Dymek, 45 Kent Ave., 11-

ounce perch; Mike Crawford, 360 West Central Ave., Franklin, 1 pound, 5-ounce pickerel; Lee Gero, 148 Melbourne Road, 13-ounce pickerel; John Budz, Front Street, Housatonic, 1 pound, 1-ounce pickerel; Jeff Shorey, 106 Foote Ave., 1 pound, 3-ounce pickerel; Joseph Weed, 762 South Main St., Lanesboro, 10-ounce perch.

Boys — Jay Derby, 223 Wahconah St., 13-ounce pickerel; Brian Walak, 23 Chestnut St., Dalton, 1 pound, 4-ounce pickerel; Gary Kirby, 277 Hancock Road, 12-ounce perch; A.J. Duclos, 39 Mohawk St., 9-ounce perch.

Girls — Jodi Lynn Tobin, 48 Ashley St., 15-ounce pickerel; Kristin Rennie, East Street, Lenox, 1 pound, 6-ounce pickerel.

Derby officials were: Mario Rizardi, chairman; Lee M. Daly, district fisheries manager, state Division of Fisheries and Wildlife; Mark Angelini, and Robert L'Hoté.

Anglers who didn't claim their prizes at the derby may pick them up at Springside House.

Auto ice trials slated this weekend on Onota

Racing automobiles will dot Onota Lake this weekend as the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee and the Berkshire Motor Sports Club sponsor the 24th annual ice trials as part of the 39th Pittsfield Winter Carnival.

The competition, open to all types of automobiles, starts Saturday and Sunday morning with registration at 9:30 at the new Controy Pavilion on Lakeway Drive off Valentine Road. Timed runs will begin at 11:30 each day, with drive-throughs for course familiarization at 11.

The event is a test of driving skills on ice, and since each car runs separately, there is no danger of collision. The winding course, approximately 1 mile long, will run in the reverse direction Sunday. Each day is considered a separate event.

Trophies will be awarded for the top third of each class. The breakdown of classes is as follows, with each class duplicated for studded tires: front engine with rear-wheel drive; front engine with front-wheel drive; rear engine with rear-wheel drive; four-wheel drive; and dune buggies and other specialized vehicles.

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Angelo Stracuzzi to emcee tonight at queen's ball

Angelo C. Stracuzzi will be master of ceremonies at tonight's Winter Carnival queen's coronation ball at Itam Lodge. Dancing will be from 9 to 1 to the music of the Esquires.

Senior vice president of Berkshires Bank & Trust Co., Mr. Stracuzzi also is president of the Pittsfield City Council. He and his wife and three daughters live at 40 Grant St.

Tickets are \$7 a couple and will be available at the door.

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10 Years Ago

Miss Patricia M. Fillio of 418 Clarendon St. was crowned queen of Pittsfield's 1974 Winter Carnival at the annual ball at Itam Lodge.

Jeff Lyon of Taconic won the boys' division and Laurie Monico of Wahconah took top honors in the girls' category in a Berkshire Interscholastic Ski League Alpine meet at Jiminy Peak.

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Angelo to eye possibilities for improving three parks

The Park Commission gave Community Development Commissioner William J. Angelo permission to explore options for the redevelopment of the Dunham Mall, the First Street Common and Park Square at its meeting Monday.

The commission has jurisdiction over all three parks.

Angelo said that the city, using community development block grant funds, wants to revamp Liberty Mall at the southwest corner of North Street and Columbus Avenue and the Dunham Mall opposite City Hall along the same theme being used at the new Sottile Park at the corner of North and Eagle streets. The downtown parks would feature brick paving, terraces, trellises, large plantings and period light fixtures.

There is also a possibility of closing off Allen Street in front of City Hall between Fenn and Federal streets to create a City Hall plaza, he added.

Angelo said the Office of Community and Economic Development's advisory board wants the rehabilitation of the First Street Common tackled this year if funds permit. Preliminary plans are similar to those proposed by the city Planning Department in an unsuccessful grant application last fall.

In other business Monday, the park commissioners each submitted a list of their top five choices among 21 applicants for the position of recreation supervisor. The lists will be pooled and the five finalists will be interviewed on Monday or Tuesday night.

Winter sports, races

Ski races, auto races on ice, a sno softball tournament, running races, a big swim meet and Golden Gloves boxing will join the usual schedule of high school and college sports today and tomorrow to create one of the winter's busiest sports weekends in Berkshire County.

Winter Carnival activities in Pittsfield and Great Barrington are on the agenda. Highlighting Pittsfield events are the annual City Ski Meet this morning at 10 at Osceola Park and auto races and time trials on Onota Lake today and tomorrow. The time trials are 11:30 a.m. both days, and races are scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

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Mark Mitchell

Something for everyone

JAN 30 1984

A hot-air balloon ride and a sleigh ride are just some of the fun at Family Day, part of the 39th Winter Carnival, at Onota Lake. About 1,000 attended the events,

held in conjunction with the dedication of a picnic pavilion in honor of Franklin H. Controy. Stories appear on Page 9.



Susan Plageman

CROWNED queen of the Pittsfield Winter Carnival last night was Margaret Najimy, 18-year-old Taconic High senior.

Margaret Najimy is carnival queen

FEB 3 1984

Margaret "Merrie" Najimy of 40 Sherwood Drive was chosen 1984 Winter Carnival Queen at last night's Queen's Coronation Ball at the Itam Lodge. She was crowned by outgoing queen Sandra E. Brooks of Pittsfield.

The 1984 queen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Najimy. The 18-year-old Taconic High School senior wore a powder blue taffeta gown and was escorted by Mitch Herrick. Selected as lady-in-waiting was Tonia Scalise of 645 Dalton Division Road, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Philip Scalise, who was crowned by last year's lady-in-waiting, Stacy E. Hansen.

Miss Scalise was sponsored by BETNR Engineering & Construction Corp. She was escorted by Michael Lyon and wore an iced lavender taffeta gown. She was also top button seller with 3,600 Winter Carnival Buttons, which earned her a check for \$100 from the Winter Carnival Sports Committee.

A new award, Miss Congeniality, went to Nathaline Brown, daughter Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Brown of 88 Daniels Ave.

Miss Najimy is in the student senate and yearbook editor at Taconic High. She is a Special Olympics volunteer and a Confraternity of Christian Doctrine teacher's aide and supports an orphan through the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

Miss Scalise, 20, graduated from Wahconah Regional High School in 1980 and from Becker Junior College in 1982. She is a professional travel counselor at the Berkshire Travel Agency.

Miss Brown, 17, is a cheerleader at Taconic High School, where she is a senior. She was an actress with the Berkshire Public Theater's production of the play "Hair."

The panel of three judges who selected the queen and lady-in-waiting prior to last night's Coronation Ball were Miss Heather McGivern of West Dennis, State Rep. Christopher J. Hodgkins of Lee and Mayor John Barrett III of North Adams.

Miss McGivern was the 1979 Pittsfield Winter Carnival Queen.

Auto racing, ski meet on Carnival weekend slate

FEB 10 1984

Two sporting events of the 39th Pittsfield Winter Carnival have been rescheduled for this weekend.

The New York State Ice Racing Association will hold car races on Onota Lake on Saturday and Sunday, and the City Alpine Ski Meet at Osceola Park will be tomorrow morning.

The auto races will be held on one course plowed on the ice while on another course time trials will be run. The trials, in which cars take the course one at a time, were postponed last weekend because of the weather.

Local drivers Dave Hathaway of Pittsfield, Fred Scott-Smith and Bob Claffie of Dalton, and Bruce Taylor of Richmond will be among the entrants in the auto races.

Claffie, driving the Cheshire Auto Parts Honda 93, is currently holding third place in the highly competitive "D" stock class.

Contestants from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania are already registered for the weekend competition. Practice begins at 10:30 each day and the first race starts at 1:30 from the Controy Pavilion. The highlight of the weekend will be a 45 minute race Sunday afternoon for the fastest 25 cars.

There is no admission charge for spectators.

The time trials, sponsored by the Berkshire Motor Sports Club, are open to all types of automobiles. Registration starts at 9:30 at the Controy Pavilion. Drivers will get to drive through the course at 11 and the trials will start at 11:30 each day.

Cars will be divided into classes based on engine and drive combinations and whether they are running with studded or unstudded tires.

Berkshire County Tire of Pittsfield is donating its plowing services to prepare the courses.

The City Ski Meet, originally scheduled Jan. 28 and postponed because of a lack of snow, is scheduled to begin with registration at 9 a.m. The race will begin at 10. Roland E. Blood is chairman.

FEB 13 1984 City Ski Meet attracts 32 youngsters

CITY SKI MEET: A field of 32 boys and girls competed Saturday in the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee's City Ski Meet held at Osceola Park.

In boys' action, Mike Pligavko finished first in the age 8-and-under division, beating out Mike Eastland, who was second, and Francis Wilson, who placed third, while in the 9-to-11-year-old category, Joe Trybus took top honors while Greg Knight was second and Jon Nelson third.

Mike Manning won the boys' age 12-to-14 competition, beating out Todd Drury and Jamie Virgilio, while P.J. Fahey was the winner in the 14-to-17-year-old class.

Christine Jones won the girls' 12-to-14-year-old division, with Phyllis Fahey finishing second and Kendi Ethier third, while, in the 9-to-11-year-old class, Christine Pligavko was first, followed in order by Abby Cook and Jenna Ethier.

Tanya Goclawski took top honors in the girls' age 8-and-under category, while Andrea Barbalunga placed second and Alexander Pligavko was third.



FEB 13 1984

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A winter outdoor weekend

A variety of winter weather greeted several outdoor activities in Pittsfield during the weekend. Above, cars charge through the fog in New York State Ice Racing Association competition on Onota Lake. Below left, Paula Murphy (right) and Carol Southard try unsuccessfully to tag out Tim Flynn during the

fourth annual March of Dimes Sno-Ball softball tournament in the sunshine at the Berkshire County Softball Complex. And below right, Joseph Trybus skis his way to victory through hazy weather in the boys' age 9-11 category of the City Ski Meet at Osceola Park. Story on the ski meet is on Page 33.

FEB 14 1984 Sports group to plan speed skating event

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee will meet tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at Springside House to plan for the final event of the Winter Carnival, the Pittsfield Indoor Speed Skating Championships.

25 Years Ago

Fifteen-year-old Hugh Quirk of 137 Hancock Road and Herbert Zullo of 102 West Union St. caught the largest and the most fish, respectively, in the annual Winter Carnival ice-fishing derby on Pontoosuc Lake.

Miss Ellen Consolati, a senior at Lee High School, was the winner of the Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow award.

FEB 14 1984

FEB 18 1984 Youth misses bus but saves a life

By Judy Katz

Marc Angelini, 15-year-old Pittsfield High School sophomore, will remember Nov. 22 as the day he missed the bus but saved a life.

Angelini, who learned cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) as part of his training as a member of the Bousquet Ski Patrol, was striding past the Berkshire Athenaeum toward his bus stop when he saw two things in the same instant: a man lying on the sidewalk next to the book-return box behind the library and several people standing around helplessly.

They were helpless because the man they had seen fall to the ground, part-time Athenaeum worker William Leslie, had collapsed with cardiac arrest and none of them had the skill necessary to be of help.

"I just ran down the steps," Angelini recalled. Up until then, his CPR had been just an academic exercise. "I went blank for a little," he said. "But it just came back."

Job for two

CPR — which requires that the victim's chest be compressed while he receives mouth-to-mouth resuscitation — is really a job for two. One person can do it, but it's hard work. Angelini said it didn't even occur to him to worry whether he could keep it up long enough.

As it happened, he soon had a partner. Robert Blouin, an Athenaeum staff member, rushed out and from then on, Angelini said, "I was full of confidence because he knew CPR and we worked together."

Blouin took over the chest-compression task until the police ambulance arrived. In a letter to the mayor and City Council recommending Angelini for the citation he received from the city Feb. 14, Police Chief Stanley Stankiewicz said



Marc Angelini
Joel Librizzi

the interval was several minutes. Angelini said he has no idea how long it was. He was concentrating so intently on breathing for Leslie that "I had no concept of time."

Stankiewicz wrote, "Due to the fact that Mr. Leslie received prompt bystander CPR by Marc, he was successfully resuscitated and is now progressing satisfactorily at Berkshire Medical Center."

"Dr. Robert Rosen, director of emergency services at Berkshire Medical Center, when he learned of Marc's actions, said that they played a major role in saving Mr. Leslie's life."

Angelini, the son of Thomas J. and Penny Angelini of 142 Imperial Ave., said he studied CPR without ever speculating that his chance presence might someday mean the difference between life and death. "I'm just glad I learned it," he said.

FEB 17 1984 Indoor speed skating is Sunday in N.A.

The Pittsfield Indoor Speed Skating Championships, the final event of the 39th annual Pittsfield Winter Carnival, are scheduled for Sunday beginning at noon at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Rink in North Adams.

Ten members of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club have entered. They are seniors JoAnne Farry, Mary Lou DiNicola, Bill Farry and Arthur Ruff; master Alex Goguen; juveniles Heather Vilot and Muffie Nardin; and ponies Missey Vilot, Jennifer Finnegan and Richard Rouse.

Area youngsters who wish to compete in the novice races may do so by registering at the rink before 11 a.m.



Mark Mitchell

FEB 19 1984 Winter sports board will elect officers

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee will meet this evening to nominate and elect officers for next year, according to Chairman Fred P. Garner Sr.

There will also be a report on the committee's coming banquet. The meeting will be at Springside House, 874 North St., at 7:30 p.m.

MAR 7 1984 Winter sports board re-elects Fred Garner

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee elected Fred P. Garner Sr. to his third consecutive one-year term as chairman at a meeting Wednesday at Springside House.

Mrs. Carl E. Peaslee was re-elected treasurer and Mrs. Daniel Belair secretary. New officers are David Melle, vice chairman, and Mrs. David Melle, historian.

Mrs. Melle headed the nominating committee, which also included Mrs. William Puntin and John Atkinson.

Garner announced that information on the committee's annual banquet will be mailed to members as soon as final plans have been made.

MAR 9 1984

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of Pages

Winter sports board planning for carnival

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee will meet Wednesday to start planning for the 40th annual Winter Carnival.

The session will be at 7:30 at Springside House, 874 North St., said Chairman Fred P. Garner Sr.

The committee is looking for additional volunteers to assist with the carnival. Additional information may be obtained by calling Garner at home or at the city Department of Recreation.

SEP 17 1984

Information sought about former queens

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee is seeking the current addresses of several of its past Winter Carnival Queens so the committee can prepare for the 40th Annual Winter Carnival.

The queens are Emilou Starke Rutledge, crowned in 1946, Katherine Althizer Sisson, 1949, Maaja Sildja Bohm, 1963, Barbara A. Coffey, 1967, Christine M. Jones, 1968, Karen M. Freeman, 1973, Pamela Grapes, 1978, and Martha J. Richardson, 1980.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of these persons is asked to contact Mrs. Carl E. Peaslee at the city recreation office in Springside House by Oct. 5.

OCT 2 1984

Winter sports group to pick button winner

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee Inc. will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Springside House.

The committee will select the winners of the button design contest conducted recently. Plans for the annual sports equipment sale will also be completed.

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Two chairmen to serve again for sports sale

Mrs. Thomas J. Angelini and Mrs. Raymond J. Tuggey will again this year be chairmen for the Winter Sports Equipment Sale sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee.

The sale will be held in the same location as last year, the former Greylock Plastics Building in the Ethyl-Marland Complex at 125 Peck's Road.

Times for bringing in items to be sold will be Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 6 and 7, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Thursday, Nov. 8, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sale will be Thursday, Nov. 8, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 9, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Twenty-five percent of the selling prices will be retained by the Winter Sports Committee to help defray the cost of its 40th annual Winter Carnival and to assist worthy winter sports athletes to compete in state, regional and national competitions, as well as high school hockey and ski teams and winter sport organizations.

Additional information may be obtained by calling the Department of Recreation or Mrs. Angelini at 142 Imperial Ave. or Mrs. Tuggey at 23 Eric Drive.

OCT 26 1984



The winning design

Taconic senior designs button for carnival

Michelle Fitch, a 12th-grade student at Taconic High School, submitted the winning design in the Winter Carnival Button Design contest sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee, Inc., Sheryl Gorton, event chairman has announced.

The logo design to be used for the 40th annual Winter Carnival is a "snowperson" on skates wearing a royal robe and carrying a scepter. It will be printed red on white. Fitch will receive a \$50 gift certificate at a local store of her choice. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Major V. Fitch of 551 West St.

Other category winners are:

Grades 9-12 — Richard Rotti, 10th grade student, Taconic High, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rotti, 160 Gale Ave.

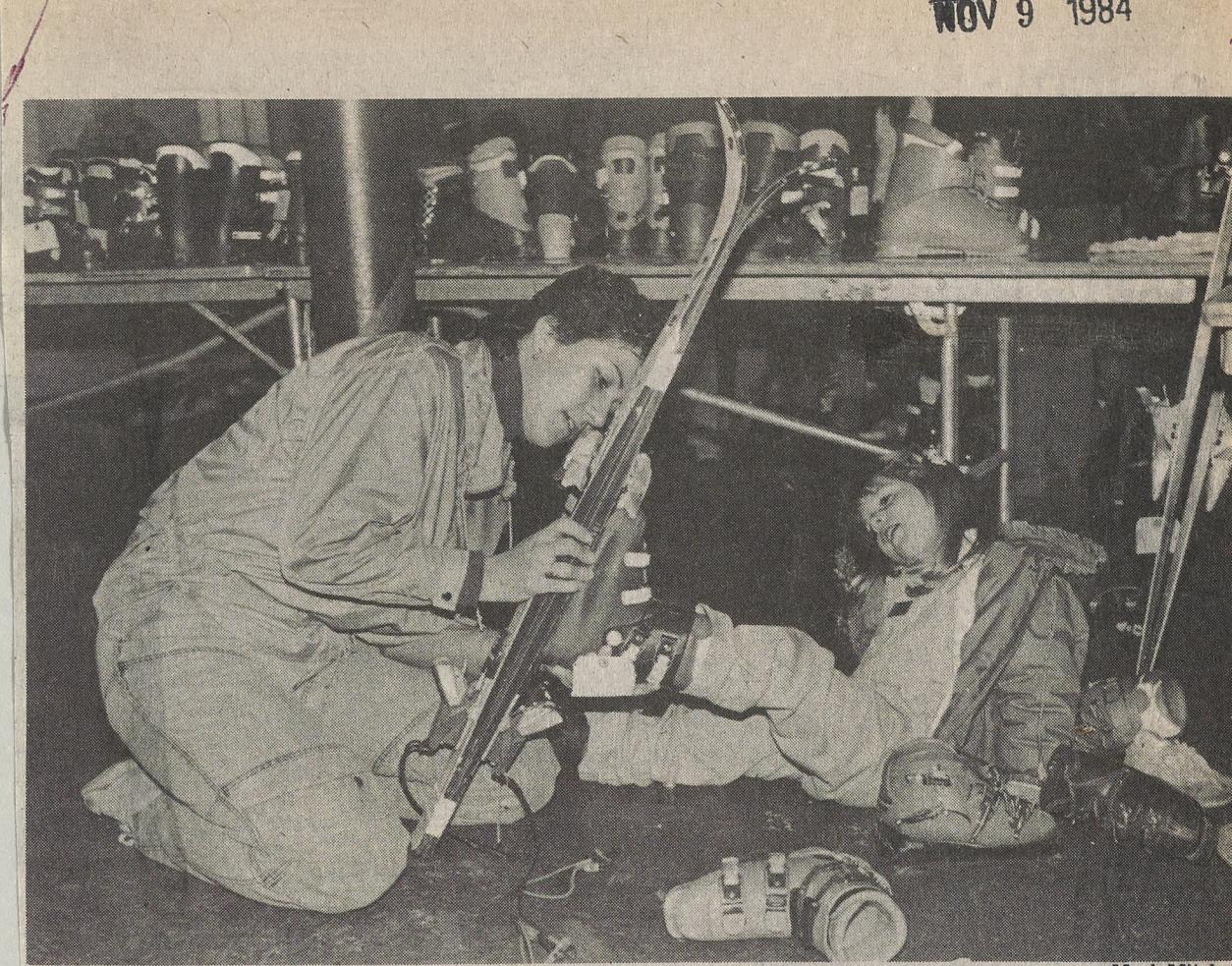
Grades 6-8 — Tanya Condron, 6th grade student, Notre Dame Middle School, daughter of John Condron Jr. and Mary Anne Condron, 10 South Merriam St.

Grades 3-5 — Cary Russo, 5th grade student, Allendale School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Russo of 967 Tyler St.

Grades 1 and 2 — Lorrie Wechter, 1st grade student, Pomeroy School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wechter of 81 Caroline St.

Division winners will each receive a \$25 gift certificate. Each entrant in the contest will receive a participant patch. Awards will be made at the next Winter Sports Committee meeting, scheduled for Nov. 28 at Springside House. A total of 197 designs were submitted in the contest.

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TRYING ON skis for size at annual winter sports equipment sale at Ethel-Marland Complex in Pittsfield last night is 4-year-old Ryann Kennedy, with the help of her mother, Bernadette Kennedy of 58 Abbott St. Sale will continue today, but with time shifted to 3 to 7 p.m. so the Winter Sports Committee can attend a memorial service for longtime member Charles M. Goodrich. Saturday hours are 10 to 2, when many items will have reduced prices.

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Chairman named for contest of Winter Carnival

Miss Pamela M. Bertoldi will be chairman of the 40th annual Winter Carnival queen's contest, Fred P. Garner announced today. He is chairman of the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee Inc., contest sponsor.

The contest is open to single girls from age 17 to 21 who live, attend school or work in Pittsfield or live in adjoining towns, according to Miss Bertoldi.

In order to be eligible for judging the evening of the queen's coronation ball on Feb. 8, contestants must sell a minimum of 1,000 Winter Carnival buttons.

To mark the 40th anniversary, the queen this year will receive a special award. The contestant who sells the most buttons also will receive a special gift. Again this year, the contestants will choose a "Miss Congeniality."

The button sale is a separate contest and has no bearing on the judging of the queen or the lady-in-waiting, Miss Bertoldi says. The contestant who accumulates the highest score during the judging will become queen, and the contestant with the second highest score will become lady-in-waiting. If the highest button seller is selected queen or lady-in-waiting, she will receive two awards.

Applications, contest rules and regulations and additional information may be obtained from Miss Bertoldi at her 1 Lakewood Circle home or by calling the Department of Recreation office.

Deadline for filing applications is Dec. 7.



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Pamela M. Bertoldi

NOV 5 1984 Directions provided to site of sports sale

The Ethyl-Marland Complex, site of the annual winter sports equipment sale sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee, is located at 125 Peck's Road, on the left-hand side of the street a third of a mile from the intersection of Peck's Road and Wahconah Street.

The organizers of the event said the Department of Recreation has received numerous calls from people seeking directions to the sale location.

People attending the sale are asked to park to the right of the front building at the complex and form a line inside the building.

Items to be sold may be brought to the complex today and tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sale will run Thursday from 4 to 9 p.m., Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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NOV 13 1984 Winter sports sale brings in \$11,294

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee realized \$11,294 from the annual winter sports equipment sale held last week in the former Greylock Plastics building in the Ethyl-Marland Complex at 125 Peck's Road.

The chairmen, Mrs. Thomas Angelini and Mrs. Raymond Tuggey, said that slightly more than 800 items were taken in for the sale. The Winter Sports Committee retains 25 percent of the selling price to help defray the expenses of its Winter Carnival activities and financial assistance to winter sports competitors and organizations.

The chairmen said checks and unsold items must be picked up at the sale site tomorrow between noon and 8 or Thursday between 4 and 7. They said persons who brought equipment to the sale must bring the customer's portion of the sales ticket in order to receive their check or unsold merchandise.

NOV 20 1984 Winter sales checks ready for pickup

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee has announced that checks and unsold sports equipment from the recent winter sports equipment sale should be picked up before Friday, Nov. 30, at the Recreation Department office.

The office, located at 874 North St., is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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NOV 21 1984
Pamela Bertoldi engaged to Philip A. Delmolino

Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Bertoldi of 281 Linden St. announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela M. Bertoldi of 1 Lakewood Circle, to Philip A. Delmolino of 1 Lakewood Circle. He is the son of Mrs. Carmella Delmolino of 32 Virginia Ave.

The wedding will take place Jan. 4 at the Log Cabin in Lenox.

Miss Bertoldi is an accounts clerk at Sheaffer Eaton Textron. She graduated from Taconic High School and was 1976 Winter Carnival queen.

Mr. Delmolino, who attended Pittsfield High School, is vice president of Bland Electric.



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Pamela Bertoldi

NOV 26 1984
Winter sports group to meet Wednesday

The Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee Inc. will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Springside House, 874 North St., Fred P. Garner Sr., committee chairman, announced.

Awards will be presented to this year's winners of the Button Design Contest by the 1984 Winter Carnival Queen, Merrie Najimy. Reports will be made on the winter sports equipment sale held recently, and on the progress of the Winter Carnival queen's contest. The public is invited to attend.

10 Years Ago 5 1984

Joanna Petithory, a 10th-grade student at Pittsfield High School, won the annual button design contest sponsored by the Winter Sports Committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation. She received a \$50 savings bond.

Winter Carnival to note 40th birthday

The Pittsfield Winter Carnival, with its races, family day and queen contest, will celebrate its 40th anniversary this season. It will start Jan. 11 and end Feb. 17.

The series of events that make up the carnival cost between \$7,000 to \$8,000 a year to stage and are financed by the sponsoring Winter Sports Committee. It raises the money through an annual sports equipment sale and the carnival buttons sold by queen contestants. Chairman Fred P. Garner said the city does not subsidize the carnival.

There will be speed skating races Jan. 19-20 on Onota Lake and toboggan races Jan. 20 at Osceola Park. The city ski meet will be Jan. 26 at Osceola. Family Day will be Jan. 27 at Onota.

On Feb. 2-3, automobile ice trials will be held on Onota. On Feb. 3, there will be cross-country ski races at Pittsfield State Forest. The queen's ball will be Feb. 8 at Sons of Italy Itam Lodge. The final event

will be indoor speed skating races Feb. 17 in North Adams.

Family Day is the largest single event. "It's been getting bigger every year," said Garner. Last year, he estimated, 1,500 attended.

There will be free hot-air balloon rides, a fishing derby, skating and sled races, and free sleigh rides for kids.

Because a number of the carnival events use the Onota pavilion built by Conservation Commission Chairman Franklin H. Controy, the Winter Sports Committee last year installed a large \$1,200 wood stove at its own expense, Garner said.

Garner said the Winter Sports Committee needs volunteers. Anyone interested in joining, he said, may contact him or call Patricia Peaslee at the Parks and Recreation Department.

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Susan Plageman

WINNER in the Winter Carnival button design contest, Michelle Fitch of 551 West St., shows off her winning design. She was awarded a \$50 gift certificate at a meeting Wednesday night of the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee.

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**Volunteers put
fresh surface on
Common's rink**

The Common skating rink, which got a fresh surface of ice last night thanks to Civil Defense volunteers, will be open tonight from 6:30 to 9 for supervised skating.

The city's lighted ski slope at Osceola Park, which has a rope tow, also will be open tonight from 6:30 to 9, thanks to this week's bountiful snowfall.

John C. Marchesi, director of recreation, said it would have been impossible to have the skating rink ready for use without the help of Civil Defense Director Thomas Grizey and several of his men, who donated their services to clear the rink and resurface it last night, using hoses attached to a fire hydrant.

They have done the same thing twice before this winter, Marchesi said, and without their help there would be no skating on the Common because the city's maintenance force, depleted by Proposition 2½, lacks sufficient manpower for the task.

Weather permitting, the hours for supervised skating at the Common and supervised skiing at Osceola will be 6:30 to 9 on weeknights and 1 to 5 and 6:30 to 9 on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, Marchesi said.



PRECARIOUS COMBINATION is achieved in sledding by four Downing boys at Clapp Park. The quartet consists, from left, of Christopher, Marlo, Jeff and Peter Downing.

Joel Librizzi

JAN 31 1984



SKATING CHAMPION Mark Hominuke of New York City shows some of his winning form while practicing on the Pittsfield Common Sunday. Hominuke, who was originally from Calgary in Canada, was Canadian Pairs champion in 1977 with his sister Janet. He turned pro shortly afterward and is now a member of the John Curry Skating Company. He spent the weekend in Lenox.

Mark Mitchell



Coming Attraction

The hill just west of the frog pond in Springside Park was popular with sledders in 1954 and remains so today, although two problems prevent an instant replay of this scene. One is no snow. The other is that plastic contrivances have supplanted sleds with runners among the sliding set.

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Wrong Way DEC 8 1984

Beginning skier appears to have been burrowing his way down the hill at Clapp Park, which is incorrect. Perhaps his old-fashioned equipment was at fault. It has improved since the 1950s when this was recorded.

BABE RUTH BASEBALL: An organizational meeting for the Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League will be held tomorrow morning at 9:30 at the Parks Department offices in the Springside House on upper North Street.

All members of the league's board of directors and returning coaches are asked to attend.

MAR 15 1984

YOUTH BASEBALL: The Pittsfield Babe Ruth 13-to-15 Baseball League has scheduled its second organizational meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Springside House, 874 North St. All league coaches are expected to attend.

MAR 30 1984

BABE RUTH BASEBALL: The Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League is looking for a number of people to fill positions as coaches, league managers and members of its Board of Directors for the coming season, league president Jim Hassett has announced.

Anyone interested in serving the league in one of those capacities or helping the program in any other way is asked to attend the league's organizational meeting tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the Parks Department headquarters on upper North Street, or, if they cannot attend the meeting, to call the Parks Department offices.

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BABE RUTH: A meeting of the Pittsfield Babe Ruth League board and coaches has been scheduled for tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the Springside House greenhouse, 874 North St.

Anyone interested in coaching or serving as league manager should either attend the meeting or contact Jim Hassett or the Parks Department.

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BABE RUTH LEAGUE: Pre-season registration for all new players in the Great Barrington Babe Ruth League will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at Memorial Field. In event of bad weather, registration will be held in the Searles gym.

Players born before August 1, 1971 and on or after August 1, 1968 are eligible for the league. Prospective players are asked to present a birth certificate at registration.

For further information, players may contact league president Paul Gibbons at his home in Great Barrington.

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Area sports

Babe Ruth,

BABE RUTH: The Pittsfield Babe Ruth Baseball League for 13-to-15-year-olds has opened registration for the 1984 season, league president Jim Hassett has announced. Interested players should fill in the coupon below and return it to the Park Department at 874 North St. no later than 5 p.m. Thursday.

All candidates will try out at one location and should report to the field behind Reid Middle School on April 27 at 10 a.m. and April 30 through May 3 at 6 p.m. Players must be Pittsfield residents and must be 13 years old and not over 15 before Aug. 1 to be eligible. The season is scheduled to open May 27.

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BABE RUTH TRYOUTS!

Reid Jr. High
Saturday, April 28
10:00AM
Monday-Friday
6:00PM

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Reid Jr. High
Saturday, April 28
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BABE RUTH LEAGUE: The Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League baseball program will hold a board of directors meeting tomorrow night at 7 at the Park Department offices on upper North Street.

League president Jim Hassett emphasizes that the league is still badly in need of coaches. Anyone interested in helping the league in that capacity should attend the meeting or contact either Hassett or the Park Department.

The league will begin tryouts Saturday morning at 10 at Reid Middle School field. Players who wish to try out but have not yet registered may do so at 9:30, also at the Reid field.

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DeSantis again named to PRA by governor

15 1984
Daniel DeSantis has been named to a third term as the state-appointed member of the Pittsfield Redevelopment Authority by Gov. Michael S. Dukakis through the office of Amy S. Anthony, secretary of the Executive Office of Communities and Development.

DeSantis was originally appointed by Dukakis in July 1976 and re-appointed in 1979 by Gov. Edward J. King.

He is supervisor of the employment training program for the Department of Welfare in Pittsfield. He resides at 35 Bartlett Ave. with his wife, the former Joan Adams, and two children.

DeSantis is a graduate of North Adams State College, where he was captain of the baseball team.

Weekend slate includes Ruth openers, road race

The opening of the Babe Ruth League baseball season and a road race in Tyringham are among events included on the area's Memorial Day weekend sports schedule.

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In baseball, the Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League opens tomorrow, with four separate double-headers scheduled to start at 1 p.m.

At the Benedict Road field, Mazzer's Variety will take on VFW in the opener, with General Electric to face Oliver Auto Body in the nightcap. The twin bill at the Reid Middle School field will find Adams Super Markets meeting Gildo's Auto Body and Besse-Clarke facing Arace Datsun. All of those games are American Division contests.

In the National Division, IUE Local 255 and Hermann Alexander's will meet in the first game at Deming Field, with Union Federal and Itam to meet in the nightcap. The other National action will be at Sackett Brook Park, where Video Studio 12 will take on Irish American and Lipton Energy will meet GEAA.

The Babe Ruth League will be taking up its annual opening-day collection for the Jimmy Fund at all games. The Pittsfield league has led the state in Jimmy Fund contributions for the past five years, and to commemorate that feat, Western State commissioner Larry Papagni will present a plaque to local league officials in ceremonies tomorrow at the Benedict Road field.

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The fourth Tyringham Valley Road Race tomorrow will include both a two-mile fun run and a 10-mile race. The two-mile event will start at 9 a.m., and the 10-miler will get under way at 10:15.

Both races begin in the village of Tyringham, and proceeds from the event are divided evenly between the Special Olympics of Berkshire County and the Tyringham Volunteer Fire Company. Registration tomorrow begins at 8 a.m. Entry fee is \$5 in advance and \$6.50 the morning of the race. Bob Kelly and Jim Curtin are co-directors of the event.

MAY 26 1984

Youth baseball roundup

Three star in Babe Ruth openers

Dan Martin struck out 10 batters in hurling GEAA to a 2-0 win over Lipton. John Salvie fired a three-hitter with 12 strikeouts as Arace Datsun whipped Besse-Clarke 17-7, and Dennis LeClair drove in seven runs to lead Hermann Alexander's to a 9-2 win over IUE 255 to highlight Sunday's season openers of the Pittsfield age 13-15 Babe Ruth Baseball League.

Martin fired his shutout and belted a double in one of the openers at Sackett Brook Park. In the other game, B.J. Goclawski struck out eight and hit a double as Video Studio 8 edged the Irish Americans 8-7.

Salvie, Terry McMahon and Bob Belford each had two hits in Arace's win at Reid Junior High, as the winners wrapped up the game with seven runs in the seventh inning. For Besse-Clarke, Bill Bonney had two hits and two RBI and Steve Gniadek took the loss.

In the other game at Reid, Adams

Super Market scored four runs in the sixth en route to a 10-7 win over Gildo's Auto Body. Don Carlson, Steve Huska, Mike Hamilton and Scott McCann each had two hits for Adams, with Mitch McKnight getting the win. Losing pitcher Pooey Heidel and Jerry Miller had two hits each for Gildo's.

LeClair had two doubles, a triple and a single for his 7-RBI game in one of the openers at Deming Field. Mike Lucido got the pitching win. For IUE, Mike Laundry had two doubles and a single and Dan Schilling took the loss.

In the other game at Deming, Joe Gamberoni had three hits and three RBI to lead Sons of Italy to a 9-7 win over Union Federal. Darren Lee got the pitching win. For Union Federal, Shaun Risley had three hits and two RBI, Dan Carty belted a two-run homer and Paul Culp took the loss.

South Little League

One-sided games were the order of the day in the South Little League, as Tank Shop blasted Italian American Club 14-3, Teo's Restaurant wiped out Stevenson Insurance 13-4 and Evergreen Realty blanked City Savings Bank 14-0.

Dave Donovan had a triple and two singles, Neil Roberts added two hits and Nick Mangiapane got the win for Tank Shop. Chris Speranzo had two singles for Italian American.

Rob Eckhart and winning pitcher Richie Premerlani each had a double and single to lead Teo's, while Dave Harte had two hits for Stevenson.

Chris Diehl and winning pitcher Mike Filiault each had three doubles, Mark Martello had two doubles and a single and Jeff Coco added two hits in Evergreen's win.

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Babe Ruth League season ticket sale set for tomorrow

BABE RUTH LEAGUE: The Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League will hold its annual season ticket sale tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds from the sale help defray league expenses.

All coaches, players and parents are asked to report to the Department of Recreation headquarters at 874 North St. at 9:30 a.m. for their assignments.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER Matt Sheran, right, is presented with his trophy by Mrs. Al Bianchi during the Al Bianchi Memorial Softball Tournament on Sunday at the Berkshire County Softball Complex. The tournament is named after Mrs. Bianchi's late husband, and Sheran won the \$500 scholarship donated annually from proceeds from the tournament.

BABE RUTH: Oliver Auto Body nipped General Electric 7-6 in an eight inning Babe Ruth League contest at Benedict Road Field.

Dave Gokey, Miles Robinson and Anton Kaufer all homered for the winners. Todd Hould picked up the victory in relief.

Marty Street homered and drove in three runs for General Electric.

VFW clobbered Maggie's Variety 18-3 in another contest at Benedict Road. Barry Moynihan hurled a two-hitter and struck out 13 to get the victory, while Mark Sinopoli's homer and Steve White's two hits paced the offense. Glen Gilbert had both of Maggie's hits.

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Dan Martin, who pitched a no-hitter in his first outing, pitched a three-hitter and drove in two runs with a homer and two doubles to lead GEAA to a 6-1 win over Sons of Italy in a Babe Ruth 13-to-15 League victory at Deming Field. Paul Brindle took the loss.

Also at Deming, Hermann Alexander's beat the Irish-Americans 10-8 and Lipton Energy edged Video Studio 12 by a 7-6 margin.

Winning pitcher Mike Lucido had a single and double and Andy Mickle drove in four runs with a single and double for Hermann Alexander's. Jeff Renzi had two hits and Tom McKnight took the loss for the Irish.

Jack Filipi had two singles and a double, John Waitekus had a double, single and two RBI and Shaun Stannard added two hits in Lipton's victory, as John Gray hurled the win. For Video, Steve Little had a triple and single and Pat Codey took the loss.

Youth baseball roundup

Pat Miller fans 9 in Irish win

JUN 6 1984

Pat Miller struck out nine batters to lead the Irish Americans to a 12-8 Babe Ruth League win over Sons of Italy.

Miller, Darren Began and Tom McKnight each rapped doubles for the winners. Losing pitcher Darren Lee doubled twice for the Sons.

An eight-run third inning powered Gild's Auto Body to a 15-4 Ruth League victory over Oliver Auto Body. Winning pitcher Andy Moore helped himself with three hits and three runs-batted-in and Mark Nykorchuk pitched in with two hits.

Marcus Gomula and Dave Gokey each had two hits for Oliver. Paul Bowlby took the loss.

General Electric scored five first inning runs and never looked back in a 10-5 decision over VFW. Jeff Astore, Todd Drury and winning hurler Marty Street each had two hits for GE.

Losing pitcher Kip Steinman and Mark Sinopoli each had two hits for VFW.

Bill Bonney clouted a grand slam homer and added a single in Besse-Clarke's easy 22-6 decision over Messer Variety. Steve Gniadek doubled and singled and Joe Duda, Chris Hathaway and Mark McKenna each singled twice.

Steve Kotki singled twice for Mazzers. Ken Fry got the pitching decision over Bill DeSantis.

Dave Maffucio pitched Arace's to a 3-1 victory over Adams Supermarket. Dave Harper knocked in two Arace runs.

Don Carlson and Scott Johnson doubled in support of losing pitcher Scott McCann.

Winning pitcher Barry Moynihan struck out nine and Jeremy Harper singled twice to lead V.F.W. past Gild's, 12-7. Andy Moore and Kevin Clement rapped two singles apiece for Gild's. Dave Kirchner took the loss.

Youth baseball roundup

JUN 5 1984

IUE 255 wins pair

IUE 255 pulled out a pair of tight 7-6 decisions in Pittsfield Babe Ruth League baseball action this week.

Jim Wlodkowski's run-scoring triple in the seventh inning snapped a 6-6 tie and gave IUE its victory over Video Studio 12. And Mike Laundry's 10th-inning triple drove in the winning run in another 7-6 triumph over Lipton Energy. Gary Soldato and Marco Carnevale each doubled and singled and Jeff Carmel singled twice in support of winning pitcher Jamie DiMassimo. Jim Telladira went the distance for the loss.

Pat Tierney doubled twice and Shaun Stannard added two singles for Lipton.

Tierney got the win in Lipton's 18-3 decision over Union Federal. Jim Telladira rapped a double for the winners.

Winning pitcher Joe Thornton helped himself with two doubles and three runs-batted-in in Besse-Clarke's 9-3 decision over General Electric. Mark Taglieri paced G.E. with a pair of singles.

Adams settled its game with Mazzers' Variety early, scoring 12 runs in the second inning en route to a 17-2 decision. Paul Lesage had three

hits and Bill Carron two for the Marketmen while Glen Gilbert rapped two hits for Mazzers. Don Carlson got the pitching decision over Pat Flynn.

Eric Gardzina drove in three second inning runs to lead the Sons of Italy to an 8-5 victory over Hermann Alexander's.

Jeff Conuel pitched a four-hitter and struck out nine in Arace Datsun's 6-4 win over Oliver Auto Body. Bob Belford had two singles for the winners and Terry McMullan added a double. Miles Robinson doubled in support of losing pitcher Dave Gokey.

Youth baseball roundup

Moynihan leads VFW in win over Arace's

Barry Moynihan put on a spectacular performance in a recent Pittsfield Babe Ruth League game at Benedict Field, firing a three-hitter and belting two homers and a single to lead VFW to a 13-2 win over Arace's.

Pat Mitchell had a triple and single, Mark Sinopoli a double and single and Pete DiTomasso two singles for the winners, while Jeff Coo-
n took the loss.

In other games at Benedict, Adams Supermarket and Video Studio 12 battled to a 12-12 tie, Mazzer's edged Gildo's 7-6 and Besse-Clarke thumped Gildo's 14-5.

Joe Thornton pitched a two-hitter, Joe Duda went 3-for-3, Joe Amuso added three hits and Steve Gniadek had a homer and a single in Besse-Clarke's win. Phil Heidel took the loss.

Winning pitcher Brennan Kozlowski had three hits and Mark Bianco belted a home run in Mazzer's win, with Gary Clemons adding two hits. Andy Moore had two hits and Matt Thomas took the loss for Gildo's.

In the tie game, Steve Huska went 3-for-3 and Scott McCann had four RBI for Adams, while B.J. Goclowski hit a home run and Steve Little and Mike Warren had two hits each for Video Studio 12.

VFW also scored a 17-13 triumph over Hermann Alexander's, as Joe Bishop emerged as the winning pitcher. Mike Lucido had a single and a triple for Hermann's.

Youth baseball roundup

IUE, GE roll to easy Ruth wins

Lop-sided finishes were the norm in some recent Babe Ruth League baseball games, as IUE 255 walloped the Irish Americans 19-4 at Deming Field, General Electric beat Arace's 11-4 and Besse-Clarke whipped Oliver Auto Body 16-3 at Reid Junior High and GEAA marched past Union Federal 7-2 at Sackett Brook Park.

Gary Soldato had two hits and three RBI and teammate Dan Schilling had a double and two RBI to back Jim Wlodkowski's pitching for IUE 255. Alan Hubbard took the loss.

Winning pitcher Dan Martin struck out eight and hit a double to lead GEAA to its victory. Keith Dupont also doubled for GEAA. Paul Culpo took the loss and Bob Brown and Mike Sukiennik each had hits for Union Federal.

Jeff Astore had two doubles and Marty Streit and winning pitcher Mark Taglieri each added two hits to lead General Electric, which broke open the game with a six-run fifth inning. John Salvie had a double and a single and Paul Greenleaf took the loss for Arace's.

Shawn Kennedy drove in three runs and Mike Caparella, Joe Thornton, Mike Weber and winning pitcher Joe Duda had two hits each in Besse-Clarke's victory. Eric Bongini had two hits and two RBI and Paul Bowlby took the loss for Oliver.

In other Pittsfield Babe Ruth play, John Gray pitched a three-hit shutout and Pat Tierney knocked in five runs with two triples and a single as Lipton Energy hammered Irish American 19-0. Jim Telladira added two triples and three RBI for Lipton's, while John Waitekus contributed a single and a double.

Tierney racked up 11 strikeouts in getting the pitching win as Lipton also downed Itam 9-4. Dave Potash had two hits to lead Itam.

Marco Carnevale had three hits and Mike Laundry picked up the pitching win as IUE Local 255 outlasted Itam by a 9-7 count. Paul Brindle's triple was the bid hit of the game for Itam.

JUN 13 1984

Youth baseball roundup

Laundry, Soldato lead IUE to Ruth win

Mike Laundry knocked in five runs with a single, double and triple and Gary Soldato had five RBI with three singles as IUE Local 255 roared to a 24-4 win over Mazzer's Variety in Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League play.

Jamie DiMassimo added a double, two singles and three RBI for IUE, while Jim Wlodkowski picked up the pitching win.

In other Babe Ruth League play, Miles Robinson had three hits and 13-year-old Anton Kaufer had three RBI and a 350-foot double as Oliver Auto Body also downed Mazzer's Variety 8-3. Dave Gokey was the winning pitcher, and Gary Clemons was tagged with the loss. Bill De-

Santis had a pair of hits for Mazzer's.

Don Carlson threw a three-hitter and Scott McCann's home run highlighted a 15-hit attack as Adams Super Markets rolled to a 13-2 triumph over General Electric, while Ken Welter and Shaun Risley had two hits each to help power Union Federal to a 10-2 win over Video Studio 12. Dan Carty was the winning pitcher, and B.J. Goclowski had a double and triple and Pat Codey contributed a pair of hits for Video Studio 12.

Bob Barnes banged out a single and a double and Andy Mickle, Dennis Leclair and Derek Levine added two hits each as Hermann Alexander's outlasted GEAA by an 11-8 count. Mike Lucido was the winning pitcher. Scott Jones had a pair of hits for GEAA.

JUN 12 1984

Area sports

Soccer tryouts open today

SUMMER SOCCER: The Pittsfield Department of Recreation's summer soccer program will conduct registrations and tryouts this morning at 10 o'clock and Monday at 6:15 at the Taconic High field.

All players wishing to play in the league this year must register at one of these sessions. However, only new players or players changing divisions are required to try out.

There is an \$8 registration fee, which helps defray league expenses and includes team jerseys that the players may keep at the end of the year.

The program is split into three divisions. The Peewee Division is for players ages 7-9, the Junior Division is for those ages 10-12, and the Senior Division is for players ages 13-15.

JUN 11 1984

Youth baseball roundup

Moore stars in Gildo's BRL win

Andrew Moore struck out 13 batters and scored the winning run on a delayed steal to give Gildo's Auto Body a 4-3 victory over the Irish-Americans in a Babe Ruth League contest.

Jim Ziter drove in two runs with two hits for the winners. Alan Hubbard collected two hits and three RBI for the Irish-Americans and Daren Behan added two hits. Pat Miller took the loss.

A four-run seventh inning rally gave GEAA a 6-5 victory over Arace's. Winning pitcher Dan Martin fanned 15 batters and led the GEAA offense with a homer, double and single. Keith Dupont pitched in with three hits and Gary Miles had two.

Arace's Terry McMahon stroked four singles in support of losing hurler John Salvie.

Mike Caparella rapped two hits, including a homer, and Steve Gniadek added a double and a single as Besse-Clarke polished off Lipton's 7-4. Jack Fillippi doubled for Lipton's. Ken Fry got the decision over Tim Pelladica.

Rob Maloney tripled and Brent Caccamo doubled in Itam's 12-6 decision over Oliver Auto Body. Paul Bowley tripled and David Gokey doubled for Auto Body.

Darren Lee got the pitching decision over Anton Kaufer.

Jim Telladira tripled and winning

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Union Federal wins 14-12

Jeff Barzottini doubled and singled and scored four runs to lead Union Federal to a 14-12 victory over General Electric in Babe Ruth League action.

Paul Culpo chipped in with two singles, and Shaun Risley earned the pitching victory. Jamie Esoldi suffered the loss. David Melle cracked a single, double and triple and drove in five runs for General Electric. Mark Taglieri added two singles and two RBI.

In other Babe Ruth action, GEAA nipped Besse-Clarke 9-8. Dan Martin, Lee Codding and Scott Jones had two hits each for GEAA, and Jon Carmin struck out 10 in notch-
ing the pitching victory.

Bill Bonney ripped four hits for Besse-Clarke, and Joe Thornton and Mike Caparella added triples. Thornton took the pitching defeat.

JUN 14 1984

Babe Ruth League

Winning pitcher Barry Moynihan helped his own cause by ripping a pair of triples to lead VFW to a 10-7 win over IUE Local 255 in Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League action.

Pete DiTomasso, Mark Sinopoli and Dave Rock added two hits each for VFW, while losing pitcher Mike Laundry had three hits for IUE. A three-run sixth-inning surge carried VFW to victory.

In other Babe Ruth League play, Dave Gokey picked up the pitching win while Miles Robinson, Dan Barry and Rob Coco had two hits apiece, leading Oliver Auto Body to a 15-7 victory over Union Federal. Dave Barzottini had a pair of doubles to lead the Bankers.

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Goclawski pitches Babe Ruth no-hitter

B.J. Goclawski hurled a no-hitter to lead Video Studio 12 to a 9-0 Pittsfield Babe Ruth League victory over GEAA at Deming Field.

Goclawski struck out 16 in shutting down GEAA. Steve Little helped out with a triple, single and two runs-batted-in and Steve Alibozek singled twice. Jon Carmon absorbed the loss.

Video Studio 12 also earned a 10-3 decision over Hermann Alexander's. Goclawski belted a two-run homer and a single and Little banged four hits. Winning pitcher Pat Codey, Paul Warren and Steve Alibozek each had two hits.

Dennis Leclair doubled and drove in two runs and Mike Lucido had two hits for Hermann's. Ari Mellon was tagged with the loss.

V.F.W. slipped past Adams 9-7 in another Ruth League contest. Barry Moynihan homered and singled and Pat Mitchell had two hits for the winners. Paul Lesage and Mike Slocik had doubles for Adams. Joe Bishop got the pitching decision over Steve Huska.

Hermann Alexander's triumphed over Union Federal by a 13-10 count. Rick Wendling got the win over Bob Brown.

Youth baseball roundup

JUN 18 1984

Lucido hurls Hermann's to win

Mike Lucido went the distance on the mound, racking up 11 strikeouts, and Bob Barnes knocked in four runs with a pair of doubles as Hermann Alexander's downed Besse-Clarke 13-4 in Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League play at Deming Field.

Dennis Leclair added a single and double for Hermann's, while Joe Thornton had two singles for Besse's.

In other Deming Field play, Paul Brindle had a single and a double and Tim Rutka picked up a complete-game pitching win as Itam scored a 9-3 win over Adams Super Markets. Dave Potash added a pair of singles for Itam, while Scott Johnson had three singles and a double and Scott McCann added a

double and single for Adams. McCann pitched a four-hitter and Steve Huska banged out five singles with two RBI as Adams defeated Irish American by an 8-5 count. McCann also helped his own cause with a pair of singles.

In other Babe Ruth League action, Steve Little picked up the pitching win as Video Studio 12 downed Gildo's Auto Body 11-5, while Dave Kirchner was the winning pitcher as Gildo's topped Union Federal by an 8-2 count.

Youth baseball roundup

JUN 20 1984

Mazzer's wins with squeeze

Tim Donovan's squeeze bunt capped a three-run seventh-inning rally that enabled Mazzer's Variety to post a 9-8 win over GEAA in the Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League.

Winning pitcher Gary Clemons had three doubles and a triple to lead the Mazzer's attack, while Ed Martin, Lee Codding and Scott Jones had two hits apiece for GEAA. Keith Dupont was the losing pitcher.

In other action, winning pitcher B.J. Goclawski helped his own cause with a double and a triple as Video Studio 12 scored a 5-3 win over Oliver Auto Body. Steve Little added two hits for Video Studio, which won the game with a four-run seventh. Miles Robinson had two hits for Oliver's.

At the Benedict Road field, John Gray tossed a five-hitter and Pat Tierney cracked a home run as Lipton Energy downed VFW by a 4-2 count. Barry Moynihan had a pair of hits for VFW.

Pat Miller was the winning pitcher and Darren Behan belted a triple as the Irish Americans wiped out Oliver 13-4. Paul Bowby took the loss, as Miles Robinson and David Gokey tripled for Oliver.

Babe Ruth

In the Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League, John Salvie knocked in four runs with three hits and Tom Sykes added a pair of hits as Arace's downed Hermann Alexander's 9-5. Andy Mickle's triple was the big hit of the game for Hermann's. Jeff Conuel was the winning pitcher.

Americans, Nationals vie for Ruth tourney berth

The Pittsfield Americans will battle the Pittsfield Nationals tomorrow at noon at Wahconah Park for host team honors at this summer's Western Mass. 13-15 Babe Ruth tournament.

The Western Mass. tournament is scheduled for July 20-26 at Wahconah Park, and the winner of tomorrow's game earns an automatic berth in that field. The loser of tomorrow's game will have to wait until the Berkshire County tournament, which begins June 30, to try to earn a Western Mass. tourney spot.

In case of rain tomorrow, the game will be played Sunday at 4 at Wahconah Park.

Team members of the Americans are: Jeff Astore, Gary Clemons, Steve Gniadek, David Gokey, Steve Huska, Scott McCann, Terry McMahon, Andy Moore, Barry Moynihan, Mark Nykorchuk, Miles Robinson, John Salvie, Marty Streit, Mark Taglieri and Joe Thornton.

National team members are: Steve Alibozek, Paul Brindle, Jon Carmon, Marco Carnevale, Patrick Codey, Jamie DiMassimo, B.J. Goclawski, Darren Lee, Mike Lucido, Danny Martin, Tom McKnight, Shaun Risley, Gary Soldato, Jim Telladira and Patrick Tierney.

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B.J. Goclawski tanned 12 and Steve Little socked a two-run homer to lift Video Studio 12 to an 8-3 victory over Arace's Datsun in 13-15 Babe Ruth League action. Terry McMahon had a double and single for Arace's.

Barry Moynihan's grand slam home run and two singles boosted VFW to a 14-4 win over Union Federal. Pete DiTomasso clubbed a two-run homer and two singles, and Pat Mitchell and Mark Sinopoli each had three hits to help Kip Steinman to the pitching victory. Matt Risley led Union Federal with two hits.

Jeff Carmel cracked a double and triple to propel IUE 255 to a 7-2 triumph over Hermann Alexander's. Mike Lucido had two doubles for the losers.

Video Studio 12 battled Irish American to an 8-8 tie last Friday. The game will be replayed only if it has an effect on the final standings. Pat Codey stroked two singles and drove in four runs and Steve Little added two more singles for Video Studio. Darren Behan, Tom McKnight and Jeff Renzi had two hits each for Irish American.

ing win and Mark Nykorchuk knocked in a pair of runs as Gildo's Auto Body downed Arace's Datsun 8-5. John Salvie had three hits and three RBI for Arace's.

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John Waitekus had three doubles, Jim Telladira added three singles and a double and Pat Tierney had a double and single as Lipton energy rolled to a 17-2 triumph over Hermann Alexander's in Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League action. Tierney was also the winning pitcher while Mike Lucido took the loss.

In other Babe Ruth play, Besse-Clarke struck for an eight-run first inning and went on to post a 16-3 win over VFW. Joe Duda was the winning pitcher while Ken Fry, Mike Caparella and Steve Gniadek sparked the Besse's attack with two hits apiece. Mark Sinopoli had two hits and two RBI for VFW.

Pooley Heidel picked up the pitch-

Nationals win Babe Ruth playoff

Monday, June 25, 1984



WINNING PITCHER for the Pittsfield Nationals in Saturday's Babe Ruth League playoff game was Dan Martin, who went the eight-inning distance and struck out 12 as his team beat the Pittsfield Americans 3-2. Ray Lamont

Babe Ruth playoffs

Nationals edge Americans to gain Western State bid

By Ray Lamont

Jamie DiMassimo lined a bases-loaded single with two outs in the bottom half of the eighth inning Saturday to give the Pittsfield Nationals Babe Ruth League all-star team a 3-2 win over the Pittsfield Americans in a special playoff game at Wahconah Park.

The game was held to determine which of the two Pittsfield clubs would be the host team for the Western State 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League tournament to be held at Wahconah Park July 20-26, and with the win, the Nationals now advance directly to the states while the Americans must play in the Berkshire County tournament, which begins this weekend.

DiMassimo's hit capped a National comeback bid that rallied the team to victory from a 2-0 fifth inning deficit.

Loaded bases

The Nationals, who had loaded the bases with no outs but failed to score in the fourth, scored their first two runs in the fifth, when, with the bases loaded again, Dan Martin delivered a clean two-run single to left. That essentially forced the game into extra innings.

In the eighth, the Nationals again loaded the bases with no outs when Pat Tierney, Scott McKnight and Shaun Risley all drew walks.

Americans' catcher Terry McMahon then picked Tierney off third, with the Nationals' runner being

tagged out in a rundown. But Mike Lucido walked to load the bases once again.

Americans' reliever then struck out the Nationals' Paul Brindle on a check swing off a 3-2 pitch. But DiMassimo, the Nationals' leadoff batter, worked the count to 2-2 and then lined a single down the line in left to deliver McKnight with the winning run.

"These kids hung in there — they hung in there all the way," said Nationals' manager John Codey. "This was a tough game — when you're down to two outs and two strikes, that's tough — but they stuck with it and did the job."

Martin goes the distance

The Nationals' player who did the biggest job was pitcher Martin, who scattered five hits and struck out 12 in going the eight-inning distance. "I wasn't worried about him at all," Codey said of Martin's performance as the game went into extra innings. "He looked strong. He looked like he could have pitched all day out there."

Left-hander Mark Taglieri, the third of four Americans' pitchers, was charged with the loss.

The Americans struck early, scoring once in the first when McMahon singled, stole second, and advanced from there on two Martin wild pitches.

McMahon, who went 3-for-4, then tripled and scored the other American run on an error in the third.

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Youth baseball roundup

JUN 27 1984

Goclawski fans 12 in Video win

B.J. Goclawski scattered four hits and struck out 12 to pace Video Studio 12 to an 8-2 victory over the Sons of Italy in a Babe Ruth League contest at Deming Field.

Pat Codey tripled and singled and Pat Murphy and Steve Alibozek each had two hits for the winners. Dave Potash took the loss.

Winning pitcher Darren Behan helped his own cause with a homer as the Irish-Americans took a 10-3 Ruth League decision over GEAA at Sackett Brook. Keith Dupont was the losing pitcher.

Paul Brindle stole home with two outs in the final inning to give Itam a 7-6 victory over VFW at the Benedict Road field. Dave Potash homered and Pete DiTomasso homered and singled for VFW. Darren Lee got the victory and Barry Moynihan the loss.

Mickey Melle and Mark Tagliere stroked two hits apiece to help General Electric get by Gildo's 8-4. John DiMattia drove in two runs.

Phil Heidle knocked in two runs for Gildo's. Jeff Astore got the decision over Andy Moore.

Ken Fry, Mike Caparella and Bill Bonney had two hits apiece in Besse Clarke's 11-7 triumph over Adams Supermarket. Steve Gniadek got the victory.

Scott McCann drove in five runs with two singles and a double and Eric Carlson added two hits for Supermarket. Don Carlson took the loss.

Youth baseball roundup

JUN 28 1984

Moore hurls Gildo's to Ruth win

Andrew Moore scattered three hits and struck out 10 batters to lead Gildo's Auto Body to a 3-2 win over Lipton Energy in an eight inning Babe Ruth League contest.

Pooey Heidel and Mark Nykoruck each had two hits for the winners. Jim Telladira took the loss.

Shaun Kennedy knocked in three runs with two hits and Joe Duda had two hits and two runs-batted-in to lead Besse-Clarke past Video Studio 12, 11-7. B.J. Goclawski and Paul Warren each had two RBI, Goclawski with three hits and Warren with two, to lead Video. Ken Fry got the pitching decision over Pat Codey.

John Carmon threw a two-hitter and struck out 12 to lead GEAA over Adams Supermarket 13-2. John Codding had three hits and Keith Dupont, Garry Miles, J.T. Carroll and Jeff Lichtenberg two apiece for the winners. Steve Huska took the loss.

Keith Dupont homered twice and J.L. Carroll singled three times to lead GEAA past Gildo's 8-6. Andy Moore and Mark Nykoruck each had two hits and two RBI for Gildo's. Steve Godino got the pitch-

ing decision over Phil Heidel.

Andy Mickle rapped a triple and two singles, Mike Lucido added three hits, and Dennis LeClair belted a two-run homer to lead Hermann Alexander's to a 19-4 pounding of Oliver Auto Body. Dave Gokey had two hits off winning pitcher Matt Scarafoni. Paul Bowly took the loss.

Marc Bianco doubled in support of winning pitcher Bill DeSantis as Mazzer's Variety got past Union Federal 14-10. Shaun Risley tripled and doubled, Matt Risley doubled twice, and losing pitcher Ken Welter doubled for Union Federal.

Mark Tagliari fanned eight batters in pitching General Electric to a 3-0 win over IUE 255. Bill Derby, Kevin French and Jeff Astore had hits off losing pitcher Dan Schilling. Jamie DiMassimo rapped two hits and Keith Podivini doubled for IUE.

County Babe Ruth tourney slated to open tomorrow

A total of four games this weekend kick off play in the Berkshire County Babe Ruth league 13-to-15-year-old all-star baseball tournament.

Five teams this year will be vying to win the county title and earn a berth in the Western State 13-to-15-year-old tournament to be played July 20-26 at Wahconah Park. The Pittsfield Nationals have already qualified for the states as the host team for that event, having beaten the Pittsfield Americans 3-2 in a special playoff game last Saturday.

The county tournament will open tomorrow, with the Dalton all-stars meeting the South-Central League all-stars at War Memorial Field in Lenox, while the Pittsfield Americans will face South Berkshire at the Benedict Road field. Both those games will start at 1.

The double-elimination tournament will continue Sunday, with the South Berkshire-Americans winner playing Adams, which has the first-round bye, at 1 at Renfrew Field in Adams, while the American-Southern loser will meet the Dalton-South-Central loser in either Dalton or Lenox. The winner of the Dalton-South-Central game will draw a bye into the third round of winners' bracket play July 7.

The tournament will resume July 7-8, with the losers' bracket finals set for July 8 and the championship finals scheduled for July 14.

Also on tap this weekend is the county 13-year-old Babe Ruth League tournament, which this year includes just two teams, South-Central and Dalton. Those 13-year-old all-star squads will square off tomorrow at 1 at Pine Grove Park in Dalton and will meet again Sunday at 1 at the Lee High field. If a third game is necessary, the site will be determined by a coin toss.

JUN 29 1984

Weekend sports schedule

Ruth and Legion play, softball tourneys top slate

Baseball games, a pair of softball tournaments, a golf tournament and a city series soccer clash are among the events on the area sports schedule for this weekend.

In baseball, the Berkshire County 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League tournament gets under way today with the Pittsfield Americans playing South Berkshire at the Benedict Road field while Dalton and the South-Central League all-stars will meet at War Memorial Field in Lenox. Both games start at 1 p.m.

Tomorrow, Adams will host the American-South Berkshire winner at 1 at Renfrew Field, while the Dalton-South-Central loser will meet the American-Southern loser at either Lenox or Dalton. The double-elimination will continue weekends through the finals on July 14. The winner will advance to the Western State tournament July 20-26 at Wahconah Park.

The two-team Berkshire County 13-year-old all-star tournament also begins today with South-Central playing Dalton at 1 at Pine Grove Park in Dalton. The same two teams

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Besse's hurlers throw combined no-hitter

A pair of 14-year-old right-handers hurled a combined no-hitter Thursday night in a Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League game played at Sackett Brook Park.

Joe Duda and Jim Morgan tossed the abbreviated no-hit, no-run game as their Besse-Clarke team downed Irish American 15-0. The game was called after five innings because of the league's 15-run rule.

Duda worked the first three innings, walked two, and did not strike out a man while Morgan, who officially picked up the victory, pitched the final two innings, did not walk a batter and fanned one. Besse's shortstop Joe Thornton helped preserve the no-hitter with two nice plays on ground balls up the middle.

In other Babe Ruth League action, Jeff Astore threw a three-hit shutout and struck out 11 as General Electric blanked Hermann Alexander's by an identical 15-0 count. Mark Tagliari had three hits and Mick Melle added two to pace the GE attack.

Rob Maloney had six RBI and Eric Gardzina and Paul Brindle chipped in with two hits apiece as Itam routed Mazzer's Variety 16-1. Brindle was also the winning pitcher. Gary Clemons had two hits for Mazzer's.

Babe Ruth League

Dan Martin racked up a remarkable 20 strikeouts and surrendered just two hits in hurling GEAA to a 5-1 victory over Lipton Energy Sunday in Babe Ruth League action at Deming Field.

Of 21 outs, 20 were by strikeouts as Martin turned in an exceptional complete-game performance for the winners. The only two hits he allowed were doubles to Lee Codding and Jon Carmon.

Also Sunday, Rob Maloney rapped two doubles and drove in three runs to spark Sons of Italy to a 14-9 victory over Union Federal. Paul Brindle was the winning pitcher. Shaun Risley doubled for Union Federal and Paul Culpo had two hits.

In last night's Babe Ruth League action, Pat Tierney went 5-for-5, with four singles, a double and four RBI, to power Lipton Energy to a 13-3 triumph over Hermann Alexander's. Shaun Stannard chipped in with a single and double. John Gray was the winning pitcher.

Mike Lucido, Dom Levardi and Andy Mickle stroked two hits each for Hermann Alexander's.

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BABE RUTH LEAGUE: The Pittsfield Fourth of July Parade Committee is seeking players from the Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League to carry banners for Wednesday's parade.

Any players interested should contact Babe Ruth League president Jim Hassett or Margaret Rice at the Parade Committee offices at 442-5829.

Babe Ruth tournaments

Southern edges Americans 7-6

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Joe Soudant broke a 6-6 tie with a run-scoring double in the seventh inning last night, lifting the South Berkshire all-stars to a 7-6 win over the Pittsfield Americans in a Berkshire County 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League tournament game at the Benedict Road field.

The game, which had been suspended by rain in the first inning Saturday, was one of two played in Babe Ruth League playoff action last night.

The other game was a 13-year-old all-star tilt, with Dalton rolling to a 10-0 win over the South-Central League. That game had also been suspended by rain on Saturday.

The 13-year-old series will resume Saturday with Dalton and South-Central, the only two teams in the county tournament, meeting at 1 at the Lee High field. If Dalton wins that game, the Dalton stars will earn a berth in the Western State 13-year-old tournament July 14-19 at Fitchburg. A South-Central victory would force the series to a deciding game, which would be played Sunday at Dalton.

In the 13-to-15 tournament, South Berkshire's win boosts them into the second round of winners' bracket play, where they will meet the Adams all-stars Saturday at 1 at Renfrew Field in Adams. The winner of that game will host the South-Central all-stars in a third-round game Sunday.

The Americans now move into the losers' bracket of the double-elimination tournament, and will take on Dalton Saturday at 1 at the Benedict Road Field.

The 13-to-15-year-old county finals are set for July 14.

Southern 7, Americans 6

Soudant's RBI double stifled a rally that had seen the Americans

come back from a 6-0 deficit to tie the game in the sixth.

South Berkshire had taken a 3-0 first-inning lead before the rains came Saturday on the strength of a three-run homer by Colin Cadogan. And the Southern stars went up 6-0 with a three-run fifth.

The Americans pulled to within 6-4 in the last of the fifth, a surge that included a two-run single by Scott McCann and an RBI hit by Andy Moore.

Pittsfield tied the game in the sixth, when Dave Gokey singled in one run and scored another on an error. But Soudant broke the deadlock once and for all in the seventh.

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Oliver's Gokey hurls no-hitter

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Dave Gokey fired a no-hitter in Oliver Auto Body's 4-0 victory over Lipton Energy Tuesday in 13-15 Babe Ruth League baseball action.

Gokey struck out 15 in seven innings on the mound and helped his own cause at the plate with a three-run homer. Paul Bowlby supported him with three hits.

In other Babe Ruth League action Tuesday, GEAA beat General Electric 14-8. Keith Dupont rapped two doubles and winning pitcher Jon Carmon smacked another double to pace the winners. Mark Taglieri had two hits for General Electric.

VFW edged Mazzer's Variety 4-3 and Oliver Auto Body topped General Electric 9-6 in Babe Ruth League games at Reid Junior High.

Vin Mazzeo had two hits and drove in the go-ahead run and Joe Bishop got the win for VFW. Glenn Gilbert and losing pitcher Gary Clemons had two hits each for Mazzer's.

John Modan, Dave Gokey and Miles Robinson had two hits each to lead Oliver, which erupted for six runs in the sixth inning. Anton Kaufer got the win. For GE, Bill Derby had three hits, John DiMatta had two and Marty Streit took the loss.

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Hubbard leads Irish to Babe Ruth victory

South Little League

The South Little League has chosen its all-star team. The squad will be managed by Matt Stracuzzi with assistance from Mike Cook.

Chosen to the team were: Eddie Sherman, Eric Zopf, Brandon Krupka and Dennis Pelletier of East Side Pizza; Matt McCusker of Burger King; Chris Roussin and Rickie Premerlani of Teo's; Dave Harte of Stevensons; Pete Montesanti of Virgilio's; Billy Duda of the Italian American Club; Chris Diehl and Mark Martello of Evergreen Realty and Scott Schultz and Dave Donovan of Tank Shop.

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Homers lift Besse Clarke

Mike Caparella, Joe Thornton, Steve Gniadek and Joe Duda all belted home runs as Besse Clarke downed VFW 19-11 in Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League action at the Benedict Road field.

Gniadek was also the winning pitcher, while Mark Sinopoli knocked in three runs with a 3-for-3 plate effort for VFW.

In other Babe Ruth play, Miles Robinson went 4-for-4 and Peter Bowlby and Dan Barry added two hits apiece as Oliver Auto Body scored a 20-7 win over Gildo's. Phil Heldorf had three hits for Gildo's. Bowlby picked up the pitching win.

Jeff Conuel struck out 11 and Corky Greenleaf drove in the only run as Arace Datsun nipped Adams Supermarket 1-0. Mike Slocik doubled for the Marketmen. Mitch McKnight was the tough luck loser.

Pete Kelly ripped four hits and Andy Moore and Rob Gaucher each had three to pace Gildo's Auto Body to a 20-13 victory over Mazzer's Variety. Andy Moore got the decision over Bill Desantis.

Brennan Kozlowski had two hits, including a mammoth grand slam homer, for Mazzer's. Glen Gilbert contributed two safeties.

I.U.E. 255 got past Lipton's 7-6 in another Babe Ruth League contest. Marco Carnevale doubled for the

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winners while Jeff Dubiski tripled and singled twice and Dan Cervenin doubled for Lipton. Dan Schilling got the pitching decision over Pat Tierney.

Winning pitcher Dan Martin tripled in two runs to lead G.E.A.A. to a 6-3 victory over Video Studio. Steve Little tripled in support of losing hurler Pat Codey.

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BABE RUTH TOURNAMENT: An advance ticket sale for the Western State 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League baseball tournament to be held at Wahconah Park beginning Friday will be held at a number of area businesses this week.

Adult tickets for the tournament will be sold for \$1 in advance but will be priced at \$2 at Wahconah Park. The advance tickets may be purchased at Hermann Alexander's, Jimmy's Restaurant, the Parkside, the Crossroads Cafe, the Beer Garden, the Friendship Inn, the Madi-

son Cafe, the Post 68 American Legion hall, the Stadium, Mazzer's Variety and the Shortstop Variety.

Student and senior citizen tickets will also be available for \$1.

The double-elimination tournament, which includes both the host Pittsfield Nationals and the Berkshire County champion South Berkshire all-stars, will start Friday and continue through the finals on July 26.

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Astore hurls Americans to tourney win over Adams

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League action at Sackett Brook Park.

Pat Codey led the Video attack with two singles and a double.

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Babe Ruth League

Bob Barnes and Dom Levardi each had a single and a double and Mike Lucido picked up the pitching win as Hermann Alexander's downed Video Studio 12 by an 8-3 count in Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League baseball action Friday at Sackett Brook Park.

Losing pitcher Steve Little had two singles and a triple for Video Studio 12.

The victory means that the Americans will meet the South-Central all-stars tonight at 5 at the Benedict Road field, with the winner then moving on to the championship finals Saturday against the South Berkshire all-stars at Great Barrington.

South Berkshire is unbeaten in the double-elimination tournament. The eventual county champion will gain a berth in the Western State Babe Ruth League tournament, scheduled to run July 20-26 at Wahconah Park.

Astore walked just one and struck out 11 in hurling the Americans to their second straight win last night. The only hits off him came when Adams's Ed Jones singled in the second inning and Darren Noel singled in the fifth.

Taglieri gave Astore all the runs he needed when he belted his two-run homer in the top of the second, while Gary Clemons added a pair of big insurance runs with a two-run double in the fifth.

Babe Ruth League

B.J. Goclowski struck out 10 while hurling a two-hit shutout Monday night as Video Studio 12 rolled to a 6-0 win over Sons of Italy in Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth

Youth baseball roundup

South-Central gains county finals

Delius Shirley and Punky Dupont delivered two-run doubles to highlight a six-run, seventh-inning rally last night that carried the South-Central League all-stars to a big 7-1 win over the Pittsfield Americans in the losers' bracket finals of the Berkshire County 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League tournament at the Benedict Road field.

The victory gives South-Central a berth in the county championship finals against South Berkshire. Those two teams will meet for the title Saturday at 1 at Memorial Field in Great Barrington.

South Berkshire is unbeaten in the double-elimination county tournament, while South-Central has one loss and must sweep a double-header from South Berkshire to win the county crown.

The county champion will then gain a berth in the Western State 13-to-15-year-old tournament to be played July 20-26 at Wahconah Park.

With the score tied 1-1, South-Central earned its first berth in the county finals with a dramatic six-run uprising in the seventh.

Dupont also picked up the pitching win with last-inning relief help from Pad Winston.

Babe Ruth regular season

Mike Hamilton drilled three hits and Mitch McKnight and Steve Huska each contributed two as Adams Super Markets belted Oliver Auto Body 15-5 in a 13-15-year old Babe Ruth League game at Reid Junior High School.

Dave Gokey and Anton Kaufer each had two hits for Oliver. Donnie

Carlson got the pitching decision over Dan Barry.

Bill Bonney and Mike Weber had three safeties apiece and winning pitcher Joe Duda and Scott McCauley added two each in Besse-Clarke's 25-10 pounding of Mazzer's Variety. Bill DeSantis doubled twice and singled and losing hurler Brennan Kozlowski singled twice for Mazzer's.

Paul Brindle and Darren Lee stroked two hits each as the Sons of Italy downed Irish American 5-2. Jeff Renzi had two safeties for the losers. Dave Potash got the pitching decision over Pat Miller.

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Dalton 13s bow 10-3

The Western State title hopes of the Dalton Babe Ruth League's 13-year-old all-star team came to an end Monday night — actually early yesterday morning — when the Berkshire County champions lost 10-3 to the Tom Ash League of Worcester in a losers' bracket game at Fitchburg.

Dalton was hurt by 11 errors, and Dalton pitcher Pat Duquette went the distance in giving up just three hits. None of the runs off him was earned.

Dalton, which had six hits, scored on a first-inning RBI hit by Bill Bird, but did not score again until Duquette delivered a two-run single in the seventh. Tom Ash had broken the game open with a seven-run fifth.

The game, scheduled for 8 p.m., did not start until after 10 p.m. due to delays earlier in the day, and did not end, Dalton coach Ken Pease said, until 1:15 a.m.

Western State field set

The seven-team field has been set for the Western State 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League tournament, which begins at Wahconah Park on Friday and is scheduled to run through July 26.

Joining the host Pittsfield Nationals and the Berkshire County champion South Berkshires in the seven-team, double-elimination tournament will be Westfield, Leominster, Holliston, and the Schwartz League and Tom Ash League all-stars, both of Worcester.

The tournament will begin with three games Friday, when defending champion Westfield will meet Tom Ash at 2, with South Berkshire slated to face Holliston at 5 before the Nationals and Leominster will tangle at 8.

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Western State Babe Ruth

South Berkshire wins opener; Nationals bow

By Ray Lamont

The South Berkshire all-stars advanced to the second round but the host Pittsfield Nationals landed in the losers bracket as the Western State 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League tournament opened with a flourish yesterday at Wahconah Park.

South Berkshire, the Berkshire County champion, opened its Western State title bid by building an 11-5 lead and holding on to beat Holliston 11-8, but the Nationals weren't as fortunate, bowing 13-4 to Leominster in the third and final game of the opening-day card last night.

In the other first-round game, the Tom Ash League all-stars of Worcester nipped Westfield 3-2.

Those results mean that the Tom Ash League will meet the Joe Schwartz League in a second-round winners' bracket game today at 2, while in today's other winners' bracket clash, South Berkshire will face Leominster at 5. The losers' bracket tonight at 8 will match Pittsfield against Holliston.

Westfield has the first-round losers' bracket bye and will meet the loser of today's Southern-Leominster game tomorrow at 5. The Schwartz League had the first-round winners' bracket bye yesterday.

The double-elimination tournament will run through Wednesday, with the champion moving on to the Babe Ruth League New England Regionals at Portsmouth, N.H.

S. Berkshire 11, Holliston 8

Relief pitcher Colin Cadogan pitched his way out of a two-on, no-out jam in the last of the seventh to nail down this wild South Berkshire triumph.

Southern came out with its bats blazing, scoring five runs in the top of the first on a two-run double by Joe Soudant and RBI hits by Tom Hankey, Paul Hazzard and Dale Guerek.

"But after we got ahead like that, I think we kind of relaxed," South Berkshire manager Peter Wilson said. "You can't do that in league games, let alone in all-stars and in the states. You can never count these teams out, and they came right back at us."

Holliston came back all right, striking for four runs in its half of the first, which included a two-run single by Peter Northgraves and an RBI hit by Darren Magan.



Susan Plageman

LOOKING HOPEFULLY up at umpire Ray Pierson, South Berkshire's Bob Hammer is in for a little disappointment as he is about to be called out on this play at second during yesterday's Western State Babe Ruth League tournament

At that pace, the game would have wound up 35-28. But Southern pitcher Rick Coons settled down to retire, at one point, 12 out of 13 Holliston hitters between the third and sixth innings.

By that time, South Berkshire had built its lead back up to 11-5, getting three runs in the second, one in the fourth, and two more on a Bob Hammer single in the top of the fifth.

But Holliston still wasn't through. And in the seventh, the District 7 champs rallied when Northgraves, who had doubled, scored on a wild pitch before Steve Kiley delivered a two-run single.

Suddenly, with a man on second and nobody out, Holliston had the tying run at the plate, and Wilson lifted Coons in favor of Cadogan, who had entered the game just two innings earlier in left field.

game at Wahconah Park. Hammer was tagged out by Holliston's Dave Vertuca, left, after trying to stretch an RBI single into a double. South Berkshire, however, went on to win the game 11-8.

"He's a good man to bring in off the bench," Wilson said of Cadogan. "He has good inside stuff, and he throws strikes. At that stage of the game, that was all we needed."

Cadogan did walk Bob Bicknell, the first man he faced. But the Southern right-hander then bore down to strike out the next two batters and got rival pitcher Rich Cordani on a grounder to second to wrap up the triumph.

The game included a total of 23 hits, including two doubles and a single by Holliston's Northgraves, who hit the center-field wall on one hop for a double in the third and conked the base of the wall in right for his two-bagger in the seventh.

Leominster 13, Nationals 4

Joe Sawyer hurled hitless ball over the first four innings and Leo-

minster parlayed five Pittsfield errors into nine unearned runs in posting this first-round win over the host Nationals.

Leominster jumped on top early, scoring two runs without benefit of a hit in the first inning, and adding unearned tallies in the third and fourth.

Pittsfield came to life in the top of the fifth, scoring on an RBI hit by Jamie DiMassimo, a run-scoring single by Jim Telladira, and a booming RBI triple off the bat of B.J. Goclawski.

But, in what might be termed the game's turning point, Goclawski was thrown out at the plate trying to stretch his hit into a potential game-tying home run.

Leominster then went back up by three when Ted Steele drilled a key, two-run, pinch-hit double in the last of the fifth. And the Central Mass. team wrapped up the win with a big seven-run seventh.

Pittsfield's only other run came on an RBI hit by Goclawski in the seventh.

Sawyer walked six and struck out five in going the distance. The losing pitcher was Pittsfield ace Dan Martin, who worked into the seventh before being relieved by Jon Carmon.

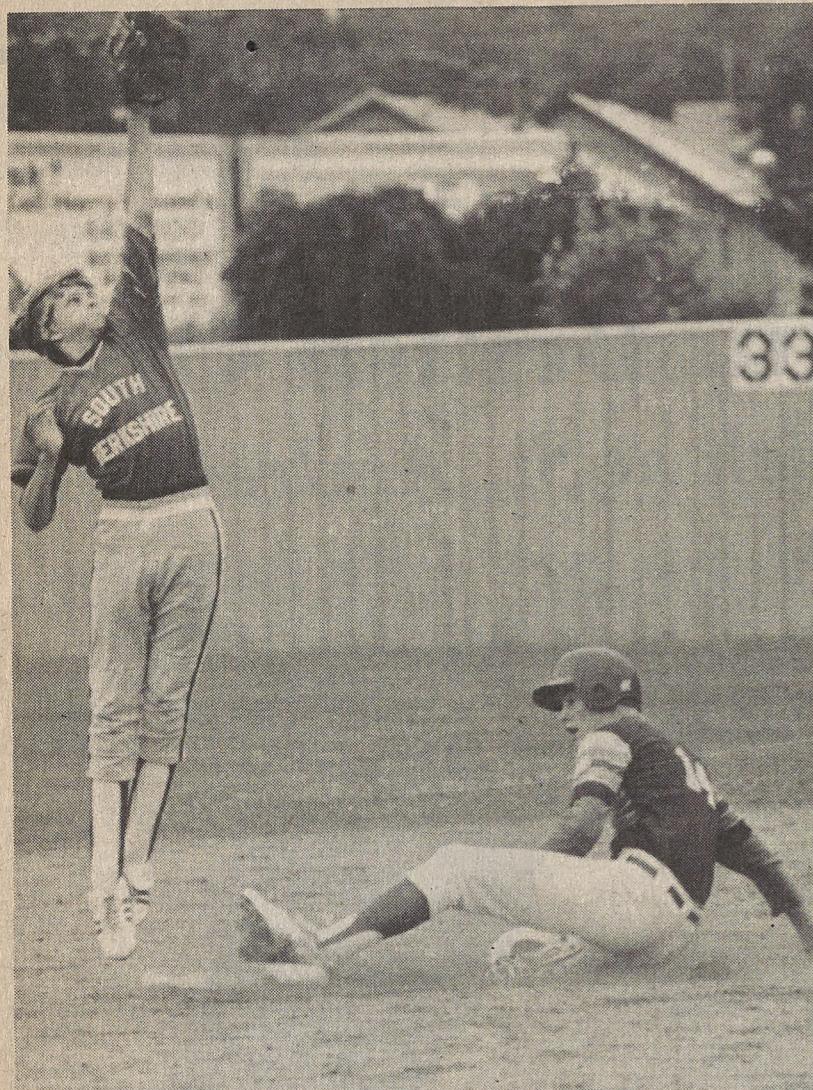
Tom Ash 3, Westfield 2

Right-hander Dave Cardoni hurled a five-hitter and struck out seven as the Tom Ash League of Worcester edged Westfield in the tournament opener.

Tom Ash took a 2-0 lead in the last of the first when Dave Grande singled in one run and Jeff Ruggieri knocked in another with a sacrifice fly.

An RBI single by John Curran enabled Westfield to pull within 2-1 in the top of the second, but Tom Ash scored what proved to be the winning run in the fourth, when Bob Carelli stroked a two-out double and scored on a Westfield error.

Cardoni surrendered a run in the seventh, when Westfield's Pat O'Brien delivered a two-out, bad-hop RBI single. But Cardoni then got rival pitcher Jim Porter to ground to third, ending the game. Porter went the distance with a five-hitter despite taking the loss for Westfield.



Mark Mitchell

GOING UP for a high throw, second baseman Scott Duchtardt of the South Berkshire League all-stars can't make a play on Leominster's Joe Sawyer, who slides in with a stolen base during Saturday's Western State Babe Ruth League tournament game at Wahconah Park. Leominster defeated South Berkshire in the second-round game, 6-1.

Western State Babe Ruth tourney

Nationals, South stars meet tonight

By Ray Lamont

The Leominster all-stars and the Tom Ash League of Worcester will be battling for a berth in the finals while the South Berkshire all-stars and the Pittsfield Nationals will be fighting for survival tonight in the Western State 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League tournament at Wahconah Park.

South Berkshire, after winning its opening-round game with Holliston on Friday, lost 6-1 to Leominster on Saturday. But the Southern stars battled their way in the losers' bracket yesterday to post a 6-4 win over Westfield.

Meanwhile, the host Pittsfield Nationals rebounded from an opening-round loss to Leominster on Friday with a pair of weekend losers' bracket wins, defeating Holliston 10-1 Saturday night and scoring a 7-4 win over the Schwartz League all-stars of Worcester yesterday.

In Saturday's other winners' bracket game, the Tom Ash League downed the Schwartz League 10-6.

Those results mean that Leominster and Tom Ash, the only unbeaten teams remaining in the seven-team, double-elimination event, will square off in a key game tonight at 5, with the winner advancing — still undefeated — to the championship finals on Wednesday.

Pittsfield and South Berkshire, on the other hand, will meet head-to-head tonight at 8, with the winner of that game gaining a berth in the losers' bracket finals against the

Ash-Leominster losers tomorrow.

The eventual tournament champion will earn a berth in the New England Regional tournament starting Aug. 4 at Portsmouth, N.H., with the regional winner moving on to the Babe Ruth League World Series at Niles, Mich.

Saturday's Games

In Saturday action, Leominster dumped South Berkshire into the losers' bracket by rallying from an early 1-0 deficit to post its second straight tournament win.

South Berkshire had broken on top 1-0 on an RBI hit by Paul Hazard in the last of the second. And Southern right-hander Joe Soudant held Leominster hitless through the first three innings. But the Central Mass. team came roaring back with a four-run fourth that included RBI hits by Eric Hytenen and Matt Aubuchon and a two-run squeeze bunt by Bill McNiff.

"One bad inning," Southern manager Peter Wilson pondered. "That's all that did us in — one inning. But sometimes that's just the way it goes."

In the other winners' bracket game, John Carelli and John Degon each had two hits and three RBI as the Tom Ash League downed its city rival, the Schwartz League, in an all-Worcester battle.

Mike Liestritez hurled a five-hitter to get the win for Tom Ash, which led just 6-5 at the end of 5½ innings but broke the game open with a four-run sixth. That inning

included a two-run single by Degon and RBI hits by Carelli and John Lombardi.

In the night game, the Pittsfield Nationals, clobbered 13-4 by Leominster just 24 hours earlier, hammered out 12 hits en route to a convincing win over District 7 champ Holliston, which was the first team eliminated.

Pat Codey knocked in three runs with a 3-for-3 hitting effort for the Nationals, while B.J. Goclawski went the distance on the mound with a five-hitter, striking out eight while not walking a man.

"[Friday] night we were very tight," Nationals' coach John Codey commented. "We hadn't played since we beat the Americans [in a host-team playoff game June 21], and we just made a lot of fundamental mistakes. Tonight, we were a lot more at ease, and it showed: This is the type of ball these kids are capable of playing."

The Nationals continued to play winning ball yesterday, building a 7-0 lead over the Schwartz League before the Worcester team struck for all four of its runs in the seventh.

Pat Tierney walked four and struck out nine in a complete-game mound effort for the Nationals, hurling one-hit ball over the first six innings and giving up just four hits overall. The big blow of the Schwartz seventh was a three-run triple by John Griffin.

Goclawski, after starring on the mound the night before, excelled at

the plate yesterday, going 4-for-4 with a double and three RBI.

Meanwhile, in yesterday's opener, South Berkshire stayed alive with a dramatic win over Westfield, which had come into the tournament as the defending Western State champion.

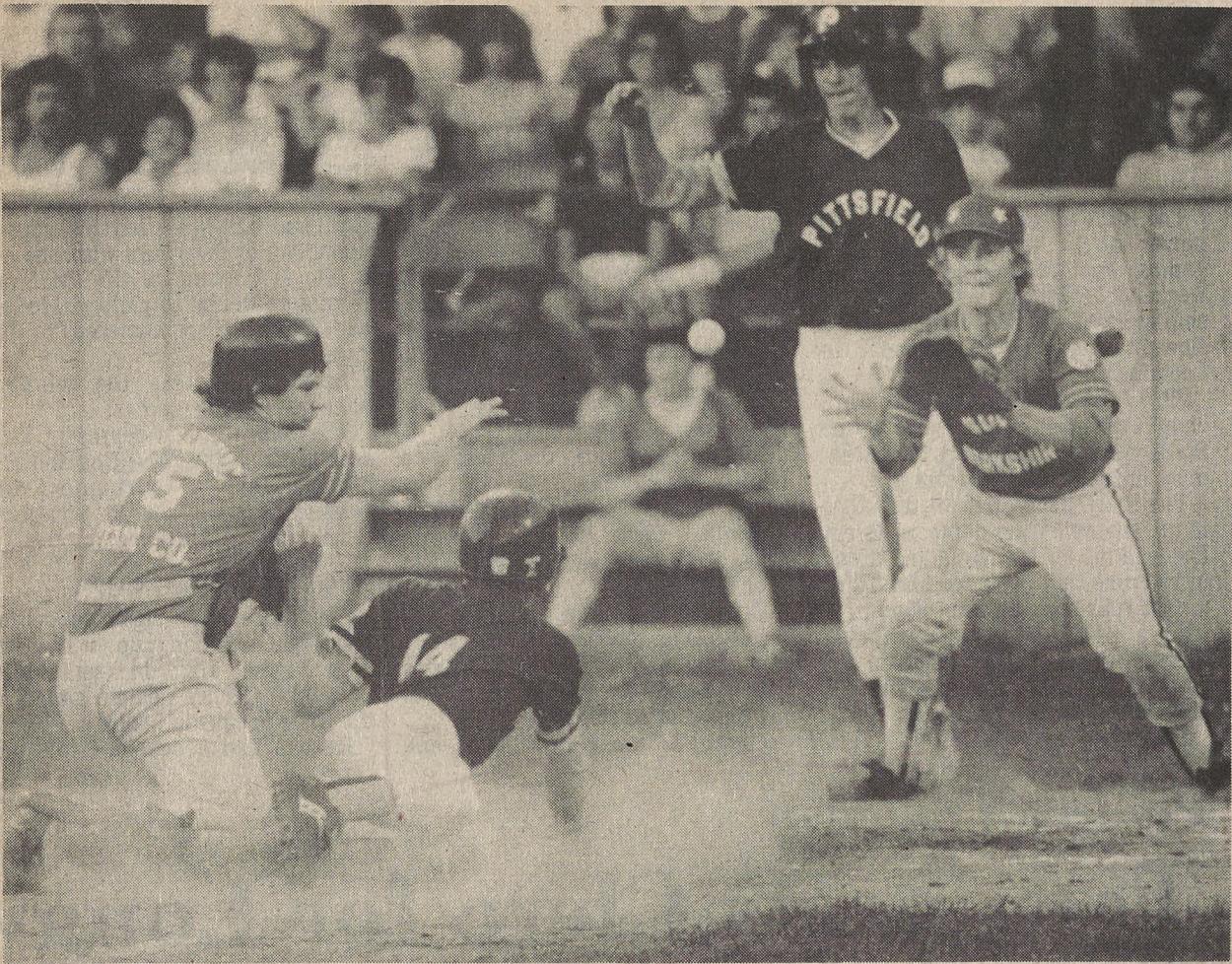
Dave Troiano hurled a five-hitter in a complete-game mound effort to get the win for the county champion Southern stars, who are now 6-1 overall.

Trailing 3-2, South Berkshire went ahead 4-3 in the last of the fifth when Colin Cadogan, who had singled, scored on a wild pitch and Joe Soudant followed with a big RBI single.

Westfield tied it in the top of the sixth, on Skip Diamond's sacrifice fly.

But South Berkshire pulled out the victory in the last of the sixth, when Soudant delivered another RBI single and Bob Hammer, who had walked, alertly raced home when Westfield failed to call time out after Soudant's hit.

"This is a great one. I feel like we just won the finals," said exuberant Southern coach Wilson, who had been ejected by plate umpire Fran Normandin of Worcester in the first inning. "We got good team defense, timely hitting, good pitching — you name it, we got it today. These kids aren't about to give up yet. We're still here. And as long as we're here, we've got a shot at this thing. These kids are still looking to go all the way."



Susan Plageman

CROWDED QUARTERS around home plate during last night's Western State Babe Ruth League tournament game at Wahconah Park comes as Jim Telladira (14) of the Pittsfield Nationals scores his team's first run in the first inning of their game with the South Berkshire League all-stars. South Berkshire catcher Paul Hazzard is at left, while South pitcher Colin Cadogan, right, reaches for the outfield throw which skipped by Hazzard. Pittsfield on-deck batter Dan Martin is at rear. The Nationals won the third-round losers' bracket game 8-7.

Western State Babe Ruth

Nationals outlast South 8-7

By Ray Lamont

The Pittsfield Nationals, continuing a dramatic fight back through the losers' bracket after an opening-round loss, built an 8-0 lead over the first three innings and held on for a heart-stopping 8-7 win over the South Berkshire League all-stars in the Western State 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League tournament at Wahconah Park.

The victory means that Pittsfield is one of three teams still alive in what started as a seven-team, double-elimination tournament, and the Nationals will be bidding for a berth in the finals when they take on the Tom Ash League all-stars of Worcester today at 5.

The winner of that game will then move on to play in the championship finals tomorrow at 5 against still-unbeaten Leominster, which rallied from a 2-0 deficit to beat Tom Ash 3-2 in the first game of last night's double-header.

Nationals 8, South Berk. 7

Jim Telladira banged out three hits over the first three innings and relief pitcher Mike Lucido held off repeated South Berkshire comeback bids as the Nationals moved into the losers' bracket finals.

For all intents and purposes, this was two separate ballgames.

Over the first innings, the Nationals were awesome, slamming out nine hits and erupting for three runs in the first, one in the second and four more in the top of the third.

A long RBI double by B.J. Goclowski, an RBI hit by starting pitcher Dan Martin, and a sacrifice fly off the bat of Pat Codey gave Pittsfield a 3-0 lead in the first, an RBI single by Telladira made it 4-0 in the second, and a two-run single by Paul Brindle, coupled with RBI hits by Telladira and Jamie DiMas-

simo, highlighted the National third. But the game turned dramatically in the last of the third, with South Berkshire exploding for five runs on a looping two-run double by Tom Hankey, a run-scoring wild pitch, and RBI hits by Paul Hazzard and Norm Stalker — the 8th and 9th hitters in the South order.

South Berkshire scored again when Joe Soudant delivered an RBI hit in the last of the fourth. And Tim Coon enabled Southern to pull within 8-7 with a one-out sacrifice fly in the seventh.

But South Berkshire, which left four runners on — two in scoring position — in the final three frames, could not get the equalizer.

Lucido, who relieved Martin in the third, and South Berkshire's Rick Coons, who had come on to relieve starter Colin Cadogan in the first, both turned in brilliant relief efforts. Cadogan was the losing hurler, but went 4-for-4 at the plate.

"At first, I wanted to get a big lead and then rest Danny [Martin] for later in the tournament," Nationals' manager John Codey said. "But then, it was a matter of just winning the ballgame. Mike did a helluva job. He got some big plays behind him to help him out, but he did a lot of it on his own, too. He was super — just super."

Two of those plays came from 14-year-old catcher Paul Brindle, who threw out Cadogan on an attempted steal of third in the sixth and made a nice overhead catch on Stalker's foul pop in the seventh. Shortstop DiMassimo, ranging behind the bag at second, made a key play throwing out Dale Hurek with runners at second and third and two outs in the South Berkshire fifth, while center fielder Telladira made a nice grab on a bases-loaded, two-out drive by Soudant in the first.

The loss was a heartbreaker for South Berkshire, which finished with a record of 6-2 in the all-star season. The team's fourth-place Western State finish is also the best ever for either the South Berkshire League or its predecessor, the old Great Barrington League.

The win, on the other hand, was the Nationals' third straight after the team had been clobbered 13-4 by Leominster in the opening round.

"We're still taking one game at a time," Codey commented. "All we're worrying about now is [today's Tom Ash game. If we win that, then we'll think about the finals.

"It's a long road to come all the way back, but I really think this team might be able to do it," Codey said. "Hey, we've gotten this far. There's no reason to stop now."

Leominster 3, Tom Ash 2

Joe Sawyer's RBI single with two outs in the last of the seventh snapped a 2-2 tie and enabled Leominster to pull out this exciting win over Tom Ash in a battle of the tournament's last two unbeaten teams.

Tom Ash had taken a 1-0 lead in the top of the third on an RBI hit by John Lombardi. And the Worcester team went up 2-0 in the fourth on a run-scoring single off the bat of John Carelli.

But Leominster, which has beaten both South Berkshire and Pittsfield, tied the game on a two-run single by Matt Aubuchon in the sixth.

That set the stage for the seventh, when, with two outs, Dave White walked, stole second, and scored on Sawyer's long single to right-center.

White picked up the win for Leominster, going all the way with a four-hitter while striking out 10. Rick Hopkins took the loss despite throwing a five-hitter for Tom Ash.

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Photos by Susan Plageman

Does this mean I'm out?

Scott McKnight of the Pittsfield Nationals slides into second base, in photo at left, on an attempted steal only to be tagged out by Tom Ash League shortstop Dave Grande in second inning of last night's Western State Babe Ruth League game at Wahconah Park. At

right, Grande responds with a smile while McKnight reacts dejectedly after umpire Ray Pierson makes his out call. The Nationals beat Tom Ash 6-1 to gain a berth in today's Western State final against unbeaten Leominster.

Nationals reach Ruth tourney final

Goclawski stars in 6-1 win over Worcester club

By Ray Lamont

Last Saturday, the Pittsfield Nationals all-star team was just one game away from elimination in the Western State Babe Ruth League 13-to-15-year-old baseball tournament at Wahconah Park.

Now, the Nationals may be just one day away from a Western State championship.

B.J. Goclawski pitched a strong two-hitter and went 3-for-3 at the plate last night as the Nationals earned a berth in the finals by scoring a convincing 6-1 win over the Tom Ash League all-stars of Worcester, and that victory puts them in today's championship finals against unbeaten Leominster.

The once-beaten Nationals and Leominster will square off for the title today at 5. If the Nationals win that game, both teams would then have one loss in the double-elimination tournament, and that would force a deciding game to be played tonight at 8.

Whichever team emerges as the Western State champion will gain a berth in the New England Regional tournament starting Aug. 4 at Portsmouth, N.H., with the regional winner then going on to play in the Babe Ruth League World Series at Niles, Mich.

Complete Command

Goclawski, who also hurled a five-hitter against Holliston in a first-round loser's bracket game on Saturday, was in complete command yesterday. The only hits off him came when John Lombardi looped an RBI single to right, putting Tom Ash ahead 1-0 in the top of the first, and when John Carelli beat him with an infield single in the top of the sixth.

The 15-year-old Goclawski was working for the first time in his young career on two days' rest. "It worried me a little," the right-hander said afterward. "But I felt fine. My arm's fine. I didn't have any problem at all."

Goclawski, who threw just 82 pitches in the seven-inning, complete-game effort, walked one and struck out five.

Offensively, after leaving the bases loaded in the first inning, the Nationals took a 3-1 lead in the second and were never headed. The key blows of the big Pittsfield second was a two-run single by none other than Goclawski, while Jim Telladira, who had walked, scored the other run on a passed ball.

Other scoring

A triple by Scott McKnight and an RBI hit by Mike Lucido then made it 4-1 in the third, and the Nationals added their final two runs in the fourth, when Goclawski, who had singled, and Dan Martin, who had reached on an error, both eventually scored on wild pitches.

The victory was the fourth straight for the Nationals, who after losing 13-4 to Leominster Friday night, have eliminated Holliston, the Schwartz League of Worcester, South Berkshire and the Tom Ash League in their never-say-die drive through the loser's bracket.

"We were confident going into this game," Nationals' manager John Codey commented. "We watched this team [Tom Ash] and Leominster play [in a third-round winner's bracket game Monday], and to tell you the truth, I honestly thought we could beat either one of them. Now, we get a chance to go back after the team that beat us."

Despite that 13-4 loss to Leominster, Codey is confident going into today's finals.

"That wasn't a 13-4 ball game," the Nationals skipper commented. "We had the tying run thrown out at the plate, and we were right in the game up to the last inning." Nine of the Leominster runs in that game were unearned, including all seven runs that the Central Mass. team scored in the last of the sixth.

Pittsfield will start ace Dan Martin on the mound in the first game tonight and will follow him with Pat Tierney, if necessary, in the decisive nightcap.

"We'll just see what happens," Codey said. "We've got the momentum. I just hope it can carry us through one more day."

Title game history

Since the present Western State tournament format was adopted in 1976, no team has ever come back to win the title after losing its first game. On the other hand, no Berkshire County team has ever lost after reaching the finals.

The only team to win the crown by sweeping a double-header on the final day of the tournament was the 1977 Pittsfield Nationals, and the Nationals are also the last host team to win the Western State crown (in 1982).

Leominster's only previous title came in 1979 — the first year the tournament was ever played at Wahconah Park.

Leominster is seeking to make it a sweep of Western State Babe Ruth titles played to date. Last week it won the Western State 13-year-old all-stars championship, and its 13-year-old team begins play in the regionals Saturday at St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Babe Ruth League

In Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League action, winning pitcher Tim Rutka helped his own cause with three hits while Rob Maloney and Anthony Gamberoni added two hits each as Sons of Italy outlasted Hermann Alexander's 11-10. Andy Mickle had three hits to lead Hermann's.

Pat Miller picked up the win and Alan Hubbar had two hits apiece. Jeff Renzi had two hits apiece as Irish American edged GEAA 3-2, while Brennan Kozlowski had three hits and Gary Clemons knocked in two runs with a single and a double as Mazzer's Variety nipped Irish American 11-10.

At Sackett Brook Park, Pat Codey pounded out three singles and a triple and Mark Murphy added a single and a triple as Video Studio 12 outlasted IUE Local 255 by an 11-9 count. Jamie DiMassimo had two doubles and a single while Mike Laundry and Marco Carnevale each had a single and double for IUE.

Thanks, Pittsfield

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

I would like to say hats off to the city of Pittsfield for a job well done in hosting the 1984 Western Massachusetts State Babe Ruth Tournament. Thank you for opening up your city and your hearts to the kids, parents and coaches of South Berkshire and all the other districts.

We from South Berkshire experienced the thrill of a lifetime in playing at Wahconah Park, winning two games, playing under the lights and taking part in a highly organized and well-run tournament. Our kids will always treasure this time you have given them.

To Mayor Smith, the tournament directors, Ray Lamont of *The Eagle*, all the umpires, ushers and behind-the-scenes people — cheers!

Philadelphia may be the "City of Brotherly Love," but Pittsfield is the city of sincere warmth and hospitality. Thank you, Pittsfield.

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Babe Ruth League

In Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League action, Terry McMahon banged out three hits and Bob Belford added a pair of safeties as Arace Datsun downed Oliver Auto Body 9-7.

Jeff Conuel was the winning pitcher. Losing pitcher Paul Bowlby had two hits and two RBI to lead the Oliver offense.

In other Babe Ruth action, Barry Moynihan belted a home run while Mark Sinopoli and Vin Mazzer each added a pair of hits as VFW rolled

to an 18-3 win over Gildo's Auto Body. Pooey Heidel had two hits to pace Gildo's.

In regular-season Babe Ruth action at Deming Field, Lipton Energy split a pair of games, falling 16-10 to Sons of Italy and belting Union Federal 14-1.

Jack Filipi had a double, single and two RBI and Geoff Dubiski and Chris Kearns had two hits each to lead Lipton to its win, as John Waitkus got the victory. Matt Risley had two hits for Union Federal.

Dave Potash had a double, three singles and three RBI to lead Sons of Italy to victory. Anthony Gamboni added three singles, winning pitcher Paul Brindle had a triple and single and Eric Gardzina a double and single. For Lipton, Pat Tierney had a two-run homer and a double, losing pitcher Jim Telladira a triple, double and four RBI and Filipi two doubles.

At Sacket Brook Park, Rob Maloney had a triple and a single and winning pitcher Dave Potash doubled to lead Itam to a 13-1 win over GEAA. Losing pitcher Keith Dupont struck out seven and hit two singles.



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SCRAMBLING to grab a foul pop off the bat of Leominster's Rob Gagne, Pittsfield Nationals Babe Ruth all-star catcher Paul Brindle makes the catch in third inning of last night's Western State 13-to-15-year-old championship game at Wahconah Park. Leominster went on to win the title, beating Pittsfield 9-3.

Susan Plageman

Leominster tops Nationals to win Babe Ruth tourney

By Ray Lamont

Left-hander Joe Sawyer, the same pitcher who dumped the Pittsfield Nationals into the loser's bracket last Friday night, shut the door on Pittsfield's Cinderella bid for a championship last night when he hurled the Leominster all-stars to a 9-3 win over the Nationals in the Western State 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League finals at Wahconah Park.

The victory gives Leominster its second Western State crown in the past six years and qualifies the Central Mass. team for a berth in the New England Regional tournament to begin Aug. 4 at Portsmouth, N.H.

Ironically, when Leominster won its other Western State crown in 1979, the tournament was played at Wahconah Park.

Leominster has now won nine straight games since losing in the opening round of its double-elimination District 4 playoffs and rolled through the seven-team Western State tournament in four straight games. Pittsfield, the host team that had battled back from a 13-4 opening-round loss to Leominster to win four straight loser's bracket games, finished its all-star campaign with a record of 5-2. The Nationals needed to sweep a double-header last night to win the title.

Sawyer, a 6-foot-3, 15-year-old left-hander who was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, dominated the title game, hurling a three-hitter while walking six and striking out 13. Sawyer, who also threw a complete-game win against the Nationals Friday and knocked in

his team's winning run in a 3-2 win over the Tom Ash League of Worcester on Monday, also helped his own cause by going 2-for-4 at the plate.

Getting an RBI double from Sawyer and a run-scoring single from Pete Charpentier, Leominster jumped on top 2-0 in the first inning and went up by three when Dave White rapped an RBI double in the second.

Pittsfield then launched its one and only rally of the game, scoring three runs in the last of the second on a two-run single by Paul Brindle and a Leominster throwing error, to tie the game at 3-3. But that was essentially all the Nationals could muster.

"That was my fault," Leominster coach Mike Pavilaitis said of the

Pittsfield rally. "Joe [Sawyer] was in a groove, and I screwed him up by calling for a couple of pickoff plays [at second]. Thankfully, he steered back down."

Those pickoff plays weren't the only distractions Sawyer had to face.

After Leominster went up 6-3, when Matt Aubuchon and Bill McNiff banged out RBI hits in the third, and took a 7-3 lead on Charpentier's RBI single in the fourth, the game was stopped at 6:25 p.m. for a record one-hour, 16-minute delay because of a blinding center-field sun.

But Sawyer came back from the delay as strong as ever. "I came out and threw a couple of times," he would say later. "I kept my arm loose. To tell you the truth, I felt

better when I came back out than I had when I had been throwing before [the delay]."

And as the sun finally set behind the outfield wall, Leominster also drove the Nationals' title hopes into the sunset with a two-run fifth that included an RBI triple by McNiff and a Tony Pirro sacrifice fly.

The Leominster players and coaches reacted jubilantly to winning the championship.

"These kids have been waiting for a chance to win this for two years," said coach Pavilaitis. "When they were 13-year-olds [in the Western State 13-year-old all-star tournament], they finished third, and to be perfectly honest about it, they thought they got robbed [at West-

field]. That made them want it all the more this time, and I couldn't be happier for them."

For Pittsfield, the loss ended a gallant bid to become the first team ever to win a Western State crown after losing its first tournament game.

"What can I say? They just beat us," said Nationals coach John Codey.

"It was a hard road back, and we've got guys a little tired and sore, but we don't have any excuses," Codey continued. "They did what they had to do — they took advantage of our mistakes."

"They just scored more runs than we did," he concluded. "It was as simple as that."

Youth baseball roundup

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Sons of Italy clinches title tie

Sons of Italy bested IUE 255 11-4 yesterday at Deming Field to clinch at least a tie for the second half title in the age 13-15 Babe Ruth League.

Paul Brindle collected three hits in support of winning hurler Dave Potash. Dan Schilling, Jeff Carmel, and losing pitcher Marco Carnevale each doubled and singled for IUE 255.

Babe Ruth League

Winning pitcher Darren Behan and Frank Sawalsky each ripped triples and Alan Hubbard doubled and singled twice in the Irish-Americans' 8-6 victory over Lipton. Jim Waitekus took the loss.

VFW won twice in age 13-15 Babe Ruth League play, nipping General Electric 6-5 and downing Arace Datsun 7-4.

Dave Rock clouted a two-run triple and Joe Bishop added a three-bagger in VFW's narrow win over General Electric. Marty Streit and Dave Reilly had two hits apiece and Mark Taglieri a three-run homer for the losers. Kip Steinman got the victory and Jeff Astore the loss.

Pat Mitchell's three-run double was the decisive blow in the victory over Arace. Winning pitcher Barry Moynihan fanned 14 batters. Losing pitcher John Salvie struck out 12 and collected two hits, as did teammates Bob Belford and Terry McMahon.

Winning pitcher Steve Gniadek drove in three runs with three hits and Bill Bonney and Scott McCauley each added two safeties to lead Besse-Clarke to an 18-2 thrashing of Gild's Auto Body. Losing hurler Pooey Heidel stroked two hits.

A three-run sixth-inning rally enabled Itam to salvage a 9-7 decision over Besse-Clarke. Darren Lee knocked in three runs with three hits for the winners and Dave Potash added two safeties.

Losing pitcher Gniadek had three hits and Joe Duda, Mike Caparella and Joe Thornton two apiece for Besse's. Paul Brindle picked up the victory.

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Bradford West will now meet Christie's for the league title.

Babe Ruth League

In the Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League, Jim Telladira had two singles and a double and Corey Sohmer had a pair of hits as Lipton Energy downed Video Studio 12 by a 5-2 score.

John Gray picked up the pitching win, while B.J. Goclawski was tagged with the loss.

Steve Alibozek had a single and a double for Video Studio 12.

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Adams wins second-half Ruth crown

Adams Super Market clinched the American Division second-half title and Besse-Clarke and IUE 255 achieved ties for first-half titles as a result of recent Pittsfield Babe Ruth League baseball action.

Adams clinched its crown with a 15-10 win over General Electric. Mitch McKnight had four hits and Don Carlson and winning pitcher Steve Huska two each in the victory. Marty Streit, Todd Drury, John Rodick and losing pitcher Dave Reilly had two hits each for GE.

Besse-Clarke's 7-5 win over IUE 255, however, has complicated the league standings. The win, in a makeup game from the first half, tied Besse's with VFW for the first-half championship of the American Division. The team will meet in a playoff to determine who will face Adams for the division title.

IUE's loss means that team has tied Lipton Energy for the first-half title in the National Division. Those teams must now meet for the right to play second-half champion Sons of Italy for the division crown.

In the game, Joe Amuso had two hits and three RBI and Bill Bonney belted a triple to lead Besse-Clarke to its win. Steve Gniadek got the win. For IUE, Marco Carnevale had three hits, Jim Wlodkowski had two and Mike Laundry took the loss.

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Babe Ruth League

John McCloskey belted a home run and Dennis LeClair and Mike Lucido each doubled to lead Her-

mann Alexander's to a 15-2 win over GEAA at Sackett Brook Park. Lucido was the winner. For GEAA, Keith DuPont hit a triple, Dan Martin a double and John Carmen took the loss.

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Batting 1.000

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

Through your newspaper, I would like to thank the people of Pittsfield for their cooperation and hospitality extended to the various teams from Western Massachusetts during the recent Babe Ruth League tournament held at Wahconah Park.

I would especially like to thank the "foster parents" who housed the various teams from other communities. I'm sure the friendship extended to the players will always remain in their memories.

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Leominster Ruth all-stars advance to World Series

The Leominster Babe Ruth League all-stars, who twice defeated the host Pittsfield Nationals and won the Western State 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth tournament last month at Wahconah Park, captured the New England Regional championship Friday night and will now move on to play in the Babe Ruth League World Series.

Leominster, which went 4-0 in winning the double-elimination Western State tournament here, won its first three games in the regionals at Portsmouth, N.H., last week to advance to the finals. Leominster then lost 6-0 to Portland, Maine, in the first game of the championship round. But the Central Mass. team won the second game 7-4 to nail down the title.

Joe Sawyer, the 6-foot-3, 15-year-old left-handed pitcher who was named the Most Valuable Player in the tournament here, won three games in Portsmouth, including the title game, when he came on in relief. He is now 7-0 in all-star play.

Leominster will open World Series play with a game against the host Niles team on Friday night. The World Series is slated to run from Friday through Saturday, Aug. 25.

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VFW wins Babe Ruth playoff tilt

VFW exploded for eight runs in the top half of the seventh inning to score a 13-5 win over Besse-Clarke in a first-half championship playoff in the American Division of the Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League.

The game began Friday night, and had to be suspended in the seventh inning because of darkness. Barry Moynihan was the winning pitcher, working six innings on Friday before Kip Steinmann came on to nail down the victory when the game was resumed Saturday morning.

With the score tied 5-5 at the end of six, a single by Pete DiTomasso put VFW ahead to stay, and Joe Bishop followed with a home run to make it 8-5 before play was suspended.

In other Babe Ruth play, winning pitcher B.J. Goclawski racked up eight strikeouts, hurling Video Studio 12 to a 6-2 win over Irish American. Scott McKnight was tagged with the loss.

Babe Ruth League

V.F.W. won the American League crown and the Sons of Italy took the National League title yesterday in the age 13-15 Babe Ruth League.

V.F.W. rallied for five runs in the bottom of the seventh to salvage a wild 9-8 decision over Adams Supermarket. The Sons belted IUE 255 11-

4. The league champions will square off Thursday at Deming Field in the first game of the best-two-of-three title series.

Steve White's suicide squeeze bunt scored Don Rock with the winning run and capped V.F.W.'s five-run seventh inning rally. Adams Supermarket snapped a 4-4 tie with four runs in the top of the seventh but V.F.W. went one better in the bottom of the frame.

Pat Mitchell, Mark Sinopoli and Kip Steinman each had two hits for the winners. Relief pitcher Joey Bishop hurled three-hit ball for 5 1/3 innings to get the victory.

Scott McCann had two hits for Adams. Don Carlson took the loss.

Paul Brindle drove in five runs with a triple and a single to lead Sons of Italy to victory. Winning pitcher Dave Potash helped his own cause with a double.

Marco Carnevale tripled and singled and losing hurler Mike Laundry doubled for IUE 255.

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helped himself with a pair of singles last night as Lipton Energy edged IUE 255 7-6 in the first round of the Babe Ruth League National Division round-robin tournament at Deming Field.

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Jim Telladira had a triple and single for the winners, and Jack Filippi added a double and single.

For IUE, Mike Laundry had two singles and three RBI, Jeff Carmel hit a triple and Dan Schilling took the loss.

In the American Division at Reid Junior High, Jeff Conuel struck out 11 to lead Arace's Datsun to a 12-3 wipeout of Adams Super Market. Terry McMahon had three hits, John Salvie had two hits and four RBI and Matt Kerwood added two hits and three RBI for the winners.

For Adams, Scott McCann belted a home run and Steve Huska took the loss.

Babe Ruth League

Winning pitcher Pat Tierney

Babe Ruth Baseball

Itam, VFW teams split in city series

National League champion Sons of Italy and American League titlist VFW split a double-header at Deming Field Saturday in the first two games of their best-of-three city championship series in the Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League.

The split means the two teams will meet in the deciding third game tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. at Clapp Park.

Both Saturday games ended in 8-7 scores with Sons of Italy winning the first game before VFW took the nightcap.

In the first game, Darren Lee was the winning pitcher, Rob Maloney banged out a triple and Joe Gambaroni had a double to help lift Itam to victory.

Barry Moynihan had a single and a two-run homer in a losing effort for VFW.

Moynihan pitched a three-hitter despite taking the loss, but was charged with 14 walks.

In the second game, Pat Mitchell and Steve White had two hits apiece as VFW evened the series. Paul Brindle had three hits and Lee added two for Sons of Italy.

Joe Bishop was the winning pitcher, while Dave Potash was tagged with the loss.

Round robin

In the Babe Ruth League round-robin tournament, Video Studio 12 earned the right to represent the National Division in the championship game by scoring a 10-2 win over Lipton Energy Friday night at Deming Field.

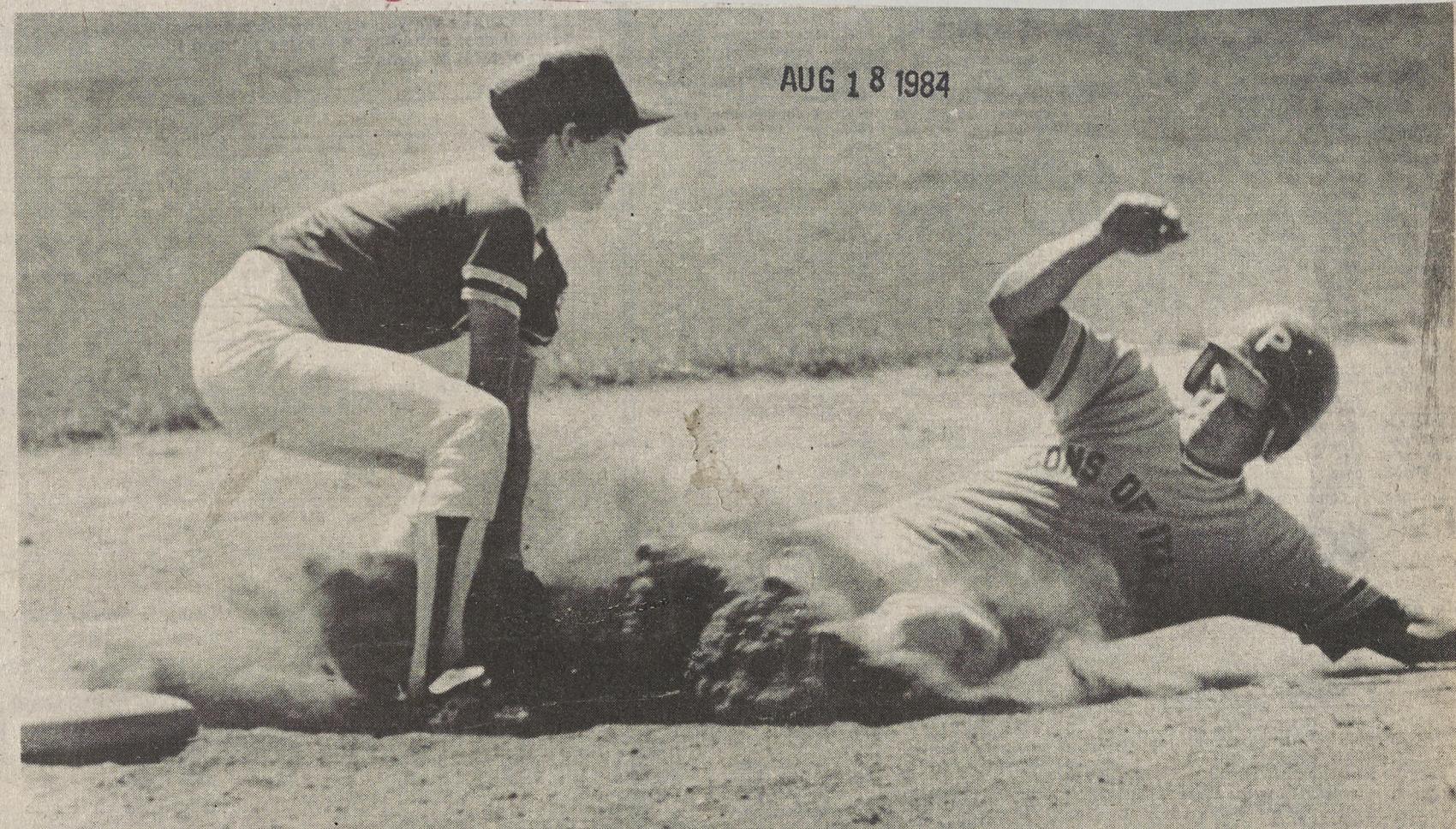
The win means Video Studio 12 will now face Arace's of the American Division in the round-robin finals tonight at 5:30, also at Clapp Park.

Pat Codey was the winning pitcher for Video Studio Friday, go-

ing the distance while racking up 10 strikeouts.

Steve Alibozek and Paul Warren led the Video attack with a single and a double apiece, while Steve Little added two singles and B.J. Goclawski belted a three-run homer.

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CUT DOWN at second base, Rob Maloney, right, of Sons of Italy is tagged out by VFW shortstop Pat Mitchell during second-inning action in the second game of their Babe Ruth League city championship series double-header Saturday at

Mark Mitchell
Deming Field. Maloney tried to advance to second after being picked off first. The teams split their twin bill and will meet in the third and deciding game of the series tomorrow at Clapp Park.

County has light slate of sports this weekend

Softball, baseball, running and tennis make up the brunt of this weekend's fairly light Berkshire County sports schedule.

In baseball, VFW and Itam will resume their battle for the Pittsfield Babe Ruth League championship today at 10 a.m. at Deming Field. The two teams completed three innings of their opener in the best-of-three series Thursday before rain halted play. Today, the first game will resume in the fourth inning, and the second game will be played about a half-hour after the first. If a third game is needed, it will be Tuesday at a site to be announced.

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In softball, more than 20 men's and women's teams will resume play today and tomorrow in the second and final weekend of the third annual Bud Light Tournament at the Berkshire County Softball Complex. Meanwhile in Stratford, Conn., the Mass. Class A champion Bible Speaks Stars will compete in the New England Class A Regional tournament throughout the weekend.

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The lone running attraction is tomorrow in Lee, where a 2-mile race and shorter fun runs for children will be held in conjunction with the Lee Sale-bration Days. The races begin at 9 a.m.

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In tennis, Ponteril will host the Berkshire County Open tournament today and tomorrow. Top seed Merrill Hay of Stockbridge heads a list of 26 singles players, and there will be 10 doubles teams competing. Action begins this morning at 8:30, with semifinals and finals tomorrow.

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In golf, the Stockbridge Golf Club will host its annual member-guest tournament today and tomorrow, with 41 two-man teams entered.

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John Salvie leads Arace's to BRL round robin win

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Winning pitcher John Salvie helped his own cause with a home run and two singles last night as Arace's posted a 9-5 win over Besse-Clarke in a Pittsfield Babe Ruth League round robin semifinal game at Benedict Road field.

Bob Belford had two hits and Tom Sykes added a double for the winners. For Besse-Clarke, Shaun McCauley and Joe Thornton had two hits each and Joe Duda took the loss.

No report was available on last night's other round robin semifinal. Arace's meets the winner of that game Monday at 5:30 at Clapp Park for the round robin title.

In a quarterfinal game Wednesday, B.J. Goclowski struck out 13 to lead Video Studio to a 9-3 win over GEAA, despite 14 strikeouts by losing pitcher Dan Martin.

Today, VFW and Itam meet at 10 at Deming Field to resume their league championship best-of-three series. The two teams played three innings in their series opener Thursday before rain halted action. The opening game will be resumed in the fourth inning, and when that game is completed, the second game will begin.

A third game, if necessary, would be played Tuesday.

Arace's takes Babe Ruth round robin

Winning pitcher Jeff Conuel helped his own cause by banging out three hits last night as Arace Dat-sun captured the Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League round-robin tournament championship by scoring a 9-2 win over Video Studio 12 at Clapp Park.

Arace's the fourth-place finisher in the American Division, had defeated Besse-Clarke and Adams Super Market to reach the round-robin finals. Video Studio 12, which was representing the National Division, had earned its berth in the finals with wins over IUE Local 255 and Lipton Energy.

John Salvie added two hits for Arace's last night, while B.J. Goclowski struck out 11 in a losing mound effort for Video Studio 12.

The Babe Ruth League season will come to a close tonight, when National Division champion Sons of Italy takes on American Division champ VFW in the third game of their best-of-three city championship series.

Those two teams split the first two games of the series Saturday in a double-header at Deming Field.

The title game is set to start tonight at 5:30 at Clapp Park.

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Maloney lifts Itam to city Ruth title

By Ray Lamont

Fifteen-year-old Rob Maloney knocked in six runs and belted two home runs over Clapp Park's right-field fence last night to power Sons of Italy to a 7-5 win over VFW in the Pittsfield 13-to-15-year-old Babe Ruth League city championship game.

The city title game usually marks the end of the organized baseball season in Berkshire County.

The victory gave Itam a 2-1 win over VFW in the teams' best-of-three city championship series. Itam, the National Division champion, and VFW, the American Division titlist, had split a pair of 8-7 games when they opened the series in a double-header Saturday at Deming Field.

Maloney cracked a two-run homer to give his team the lead in the third inning and then drove in what proved to be the winning runs with a three-run homer in the last of the fifth.

Sons of Italy had taken the lead in the first inning, when Chad Mazza, who walked, eventually scored on a fielder's choice grounder off the bat of Maloney.

But VFW grabbed a 3-1 lead in the top of the third in an uprising that included RBI hits by Joe Bishop and Pat Mitchell.

In the last of the third, with two outs and nobody on, Paul Brindle walked, stole second and then scored on a pair of wild pitches. And after that, Darren Lee singled to left and rode home comfortably when Maloney drove his two-run homer out of the park in right.

"He's quite a hitter," Itam coach Paul Brindle Sr. said of Maloney. "When we'd practice down here, he'd whack them off that fence all the time. But the funny thing is, he

came up with the tying run on third in the last inning [Saturday, in the loss to VFW], and he struck out. I told him, 'Just to go up, relax and swing easy.' When he just makes contact, it goes."

And when it went this time, Itam suddenly led 4-3.

That's where it stood until the last of the fifth, when Brindle led off with a single, stole second, went to third on a wild pitch and held when Lee was hit by rival hurler Barry Moynihan.

That brought up Maloney again, and this time the Sons of Italy third baseman belted a shot down the right-field line that hit a van parked behind the barrier.

Itam wasn't out of the woods yet.

Getting an RBI double by Pete DiTomasso in the sixth inning and a run-scoring single by Vin Mazzeo in the seventh, VFW closed to within two and had men on first and second with two outs.

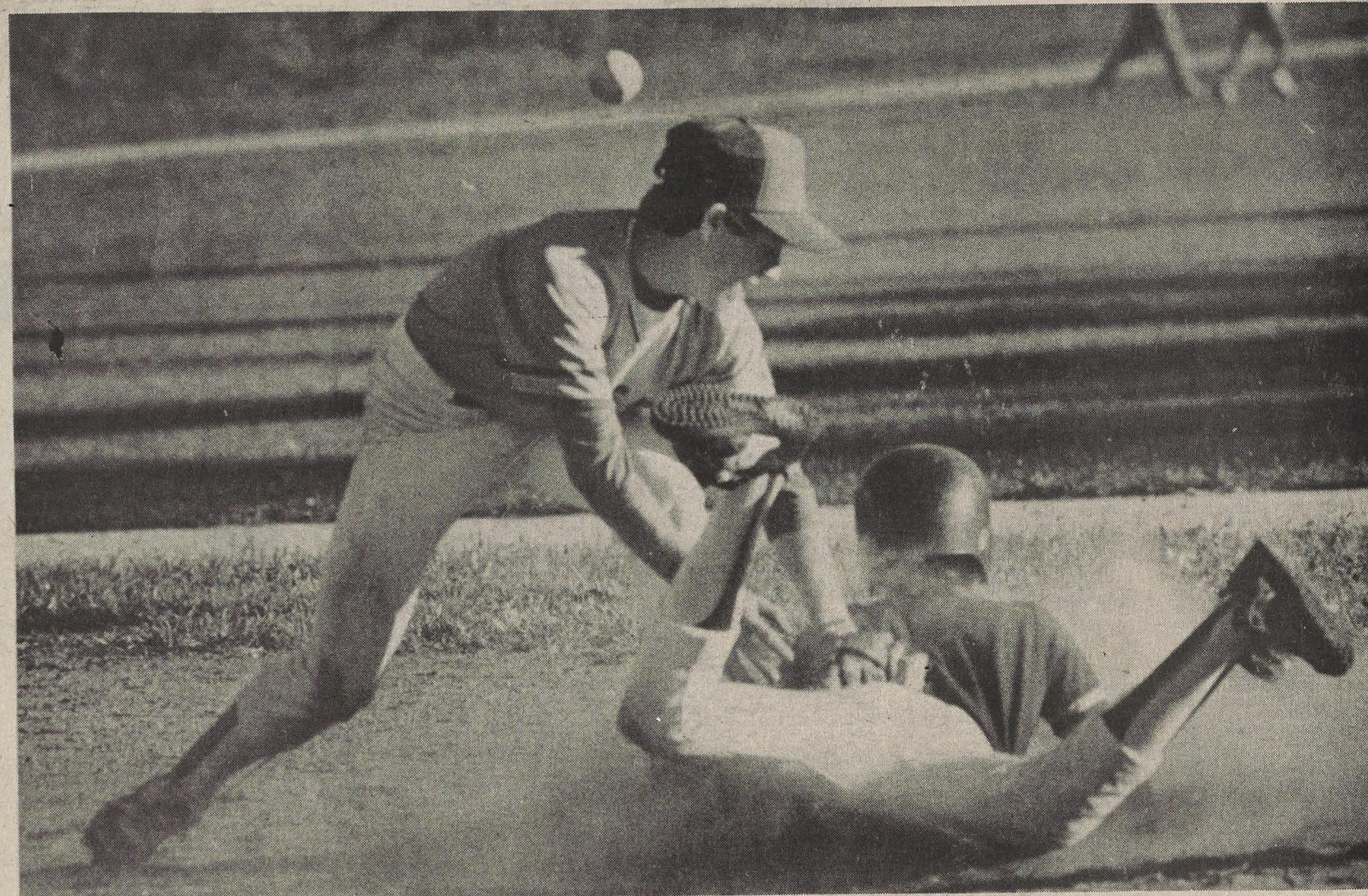
"They had me thinking," said coach Brindle. "Every game we played with this team this year went right down to the wire." (Itam won its regular-season game, also by a score of 8-7.)

But Brindle brought in his son, Paul Jr., from short to relieve Lee on the mound. And the younger Brindle got VFW's Mitchell to fly out deep to left-center, ending the game.

"I knew we could do it," coach Brindle said afterward. "This team's been playing great ball — just great. We started slow [going 5-6 in the first half, but 10-1 in the second], but once we got everybody in their right positions, these kids really came on."

Lee picked up the victory, hurling 6 1/3 innings of seven-hit ball, while Moynihan, who struck out eight, nonetheless took the loss.

Klemens ... to left field, leading off the fifth. Detroit took a 4-2 lead in their half batters up to that point.



Susan Plageman

BOUNCING AWAY from Sons of Italy shortstop Paul Brindle, left, a loose ball slips into left-center field as VFW's Pat Mitchell slides into second after a wild pitch during last night's city championship Babe Ruth game at Clapp Park.

Tom Grieve is Rangers' new general manager

Pittsfield native takes giant baseball step



Bob McDonough

Tom Grieve
Pittsfield native named Rangers' general manager

By Bob McDonough

Pittsfield native Tom Grieve, completing one of the most meteoric rises ever from the baseball field to front-office power, is the new general manager of the Texas Rangers of the American League.

The appointment of Grieve, 36, was made official Saturday in Arlington, Texas upon the resignation of Joe Klein, Grieve's former boss. The breakup had been rumored since a Texas newspaper report Friday, but wasn't expected until the end of the season.

As of last night, the Rangers were mired in sixth place in the American League Western Division, $7\frac{1}{2}$ games out of first place and just two games out of the cellar.

Upon achieving the highest baseball position of any Berkshire County native, Grieve ranks highest among four county natives working behind the scenes of pro baseball. Dan Duquette of Dalton is administrative assistant for scouting and player development for the Milwaukee Brewers, and Pittsfield native Mike Ryan is marketing coordinator for the New York Mets. Former major league standout Mark Belanger, another Pittsfield native, is working in the New York headquarters of the Major League Baseball Players Association.

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The promotion was just the latest step up a steady ladder climbed by Grieve, who spent 10 years in the major leagues with the Washington Senators, New York Mets, St. Louis Cardinals and Rangers until his retirement as a player in 1979. The 1966 Pittsfield High graduate had moved from group ticket sales, to assistant director of player procurement and development to vice president in charge of minor league operations in just five years.

"I had no timetable, and I've loved every job I've had with this organization," Grieve said of his quick rise to power when contacted at his office in Texas yesterday. "Ten years from now, who knows what I'll be doing?"

Grieve was tight-lipped about the possible reasons for Klein's resignation as general manager. Klein, who managed the Rangers Class AA team in Pittsfield from 1970 to 1974, did not attend Saturday's press conference in Texas. United Press International reported Klein had a personality conflict with team president Mike Stone, but Stone denied that Saturday, saying "Joe had expressed some unhappiness with his role on the team."

Grieve admitted the circumstances of his promotion left him with some mixed emotions.

"I learned and developed a lot of the things I do now because I was working with Joe Klein," Grieve said. "I certainly have strong feelings for Joe, and it was not my happiest moment to see him leave the Rangers. And there are certainly no hostilities between us. We're still friends."

In his new job, Grieve will be in charge of player trades, acquiring free agents, arranging player contracts and working with the minor league system. This will be a major change from his previous role that placed him in charge of the farm system, supervising the minor league operation and scouting young talent.

Grieve conceded he faces some on-the-job training "for the next five days, even the next five years, but that doesn't bother me."

"I believe in gathering the collective wisdom of those around me, I have common sense and I have the ability to work hard," Grieve said at the press conference. "With those things, I think we can be successful."

As general manager, Klein also headed up the team's scouting operation. Grieve said, however, he plans to use a scouting director in that role.

In the Texas system, field manager Doug Rader answers directly to the club president, not the general manager.

Grieve said that setup "is not by design ordinary" for the major leagues, but he quickly added, "I doubt very much that [San Diego Padres general manager] Jack McKeon tells Dick Williams when to bunt or when to hit and run. I certainly don't have any problems with this arrangement. . . . With trades and signing contracts, the final say will be in my office. But not without serious talks with Doug and his staff."

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For the time being, Grieve is juggling two jobs, taking on the GM post and retaining his duties as farm director until a replacement is found.

"The timing, though, couldn't have been better," Grieve said. "There's a month left for me to get involved with the major league operation, and the minor league season is about finished."

Grieve will occupy the same office he has had at the stadium in Arlington, and he said his first two days on the job were spent mostly answering phones and studying the waiver process. He said his wife, the former Cathy Conry of Pittsfield, is "excited" about the promotion, and that he managed to call his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Grieve of 468 Elm St. and his in-laws, who he said "were thrilled to death" by the news.

So far, however, there are no parties or champagne baths planned.

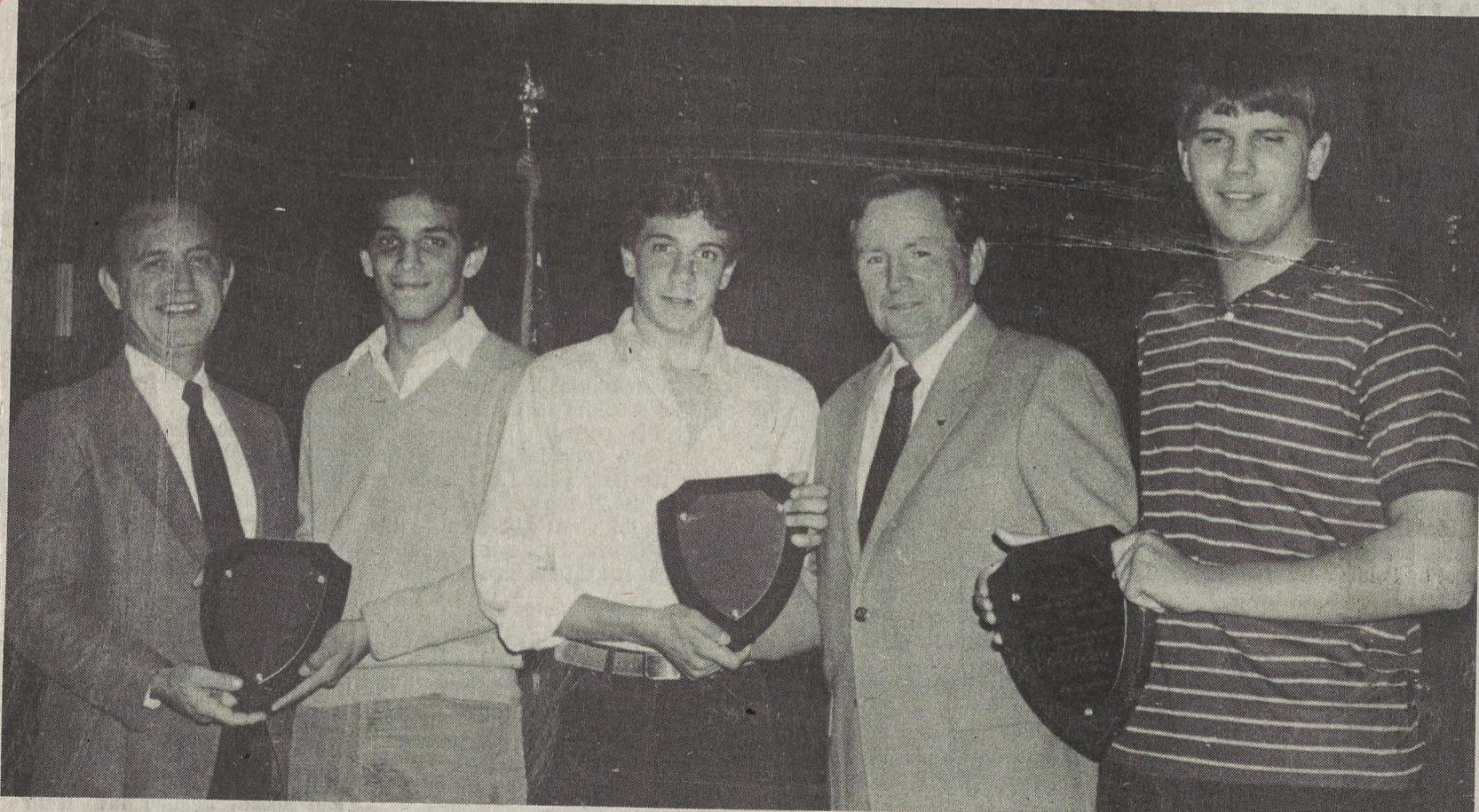
"Right now, I've got too much to do to have any time for that," Grieve said.



PAUL BRINDLE LEAGUE champion for the 1984 season was the Sons of Italy, which finished with an 18-8 record. The team beat VFW two games to one in the championship series, winning the final game by a score of 7-5. Team members are, from left to right: FRONT ROW — David Potash, Joe Gamberoni, Rob Maloney, Darren Lee and Shaun Cusson. MIDDLE ROW — Don Borgo, Paul Brindle, Eric Gardzina and Anthony Gamberoni. TOP ROW — Head coach Paul Brindle, Mike Lasher, Matt Joseph and Mark Wolcott. Absent when photo was taken were Chad Mazza, Tim Rutka and Brend Caccamo.

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BABE RUTH LEAGUE baseball awards were presented last night at the annual banquet at the Itam Lodge. Batting champion John Salvie, second from left, who batted .609 for Arace's, receives the Paul Brindle award from Paul Brindle

Jr., left. League President Jim Hassett, second from right, presents Colin A. Keegan awards for sportsmanship and conduct to Jim Telladira, center, of Lipton (National Division) and Steve Gniadek, right, of Besse-Clarke (American Division). Bob McDonough

Senior BRL sets tryouts

SENIOR BABE RUTH: The Pittsfield Senior Babe Ruth League, for players age 16 to 18, has scheduled an organizational meeting for Monday at 7:15 at Springside House, 874 North St. Anyone who was involved with the league last year, or would be interested in helping this year, is urged to attend. Coaches from 1983 are also urged to return equipment at Monday's meeting.

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SENIOR BABE RUTH: The Pittsfield Senior Babe Ruth League will conduct registration and tryouts this weekend at Clapp Park.

The sessions are scheduled for Saturday at 10 a.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. All players interested in playing in the league this year must attend at least one of the two sessions. All players are also asked to bring a birth certificate with them for registration.

The Senior Babe Ruth League baseball program is for players ages 16 through 18.

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SENIOR BABE RUTH: There will be an organizational meeting for the Pittsfield Senior Babe Ruth Baseball League Monday at 7:15 p.m. at Springside House, 874 North St. League organizer Lou Russo said attendance by interested parties at the meeting is critical to the league's survival this season.

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CLAPP PARK AND PLAYGROUND



Bob McDonough

SUMMER BASKETBALL for girls made its return to Pittsfield last night with the opening games of the Pittsfield

Parks and Recreation City League for girls at Clapp Park. The league plays Monday through Thursday at Clapp.

Area sports

Hawks, Blazers win girls' summer hoop league openers

GIRLS' BASKETBALL: Teams from North and South Berkshire got off to a good start in last night's opening games of the Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Girls' Summer Basketball League, as the Hawks of North Berkshire nipped the Knicks of Dalton 31-29 and the Blazers of South Berkshire belted the Nets of Dalton 56-8 at Clapp Park.

Becky Canale grabbed a defensive rebound and drove the length of the court to score the winning basket with two seconds left to carry the

Hawks to their victory. Canale had six points to lead the winners, who led 14-10 at halftime and 21-19 after three quarters. The Knicks' Fran Morrison led all scorers with 13 points.

In the nightcap, Monument Mountain All-Berkshire Sue Forfa netted 20 points, including 12 in the fourth quarter, to lead the Blazers to their romp. Chris Coons added eight points for the winners, who led 28-6 at halftime.

Pittsfield teams will compete in a double-header tonight beginning at 6 p.m. at Clapp.

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Area sports

Girls' summer hoop league begins play tonight

BASKETBALL: The Pittsfield Parks and Recreation City Summer Basketball League for girls, a program revived by Pittsfield High coach Tom Bligh and Taconic coach Joe Racicot, is scheduled to begin tonight at 6 with two games at Clapp Park.

At 6, the Hawks of Adams play the Knicks from Dalton, and at 7:15 the Blazers of South Berkshire play the Nets of Dalton. There are eight high school-age teams in the league, which has games Monday through

Thursday at Clapp Park from now through mid-August.

Sports Inc. is helping to fund the league, and Bligh said anyone who would like to volunteer as a referee should contact him or Racicot.

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL: The Hawks nipped the Celtics 35-33 in overtime in a Pittsfield Recreation girls' basketball league game last night.

Janice Koczela had 14 points for the winners while Shana Dus paced the Celts with 14.

Ann Kruse totaled 15 points in the Warriors' 50-28 victory over the Knicks. Fran Morrison's 10 points were high for the losers.

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BASKETBALL: Becky Canale netted 22 points to lead the Hawks to a 43-28 win over the Knicks, and Chris Coons had 14 to propel the Blazers to a 38-13 win over the Nets last night in the Pittsfield Recreation Department girls' summer basketball league.

Fran Morrison led the Knicks with six points and Kate Morrison paced the Nets with four.

Tuesday, Ann Christine Kruse scored 13 points to lead the Warriors to a 31-27 win over the Celtics, and Theresa Morrison's eight points helped the Nets top the Sixers 31-19.

Shana Dus paced the Celts with 12 points and Patty Carr had eight to lead the Sixers.

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BASKETBALL: Katie Keator scored 19 points to lead a balanced attack that carried the Warriors to a 60-38 win over the Suns last night in the Pittsfield Recreation Department girls' summer basketball league.

Nancy Gleason chipped in with 18 points for the winners, and Ann Christine Kruse had 15. Judy Tierney paced the Suns with 19.

Nicole Johnson netted 16 points to lead the Celts past the Sixers, 46-20. Key McCusker led the Sixers with 10.

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL: The Warriors blasted the Suns 58-27 and the Celtics defeated the Sixers 41-22 in Pittsfield Parks and Recreation girls' summer basketball league competition last night.

Christine Kruse rattled in 24 points and Shannon Blake added 16 in the Warriors' victory. Keyburn McCusker and Judy Tierney led the Suns with 14 and 10 points respectively.

Shana Dus poured in 27 points to lead the Celts to an easy win. The Sixers were paced by Lisa Schmidt's seven points.

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL: Tracy Borden poured in 20 points and Judy Tierney added 14 last night to lead the Suns to a 48-31 victory over the Sixers in a Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Department girls' summer basketball league game.

Sandi Hassett of the Sixers led all scorers with 24 points.

The Blazers outscored the Celts 18-2 in the second period en route to a 45-26 trouncing of the Celts. Kay Sachs led a balanced Blazer attack with 10 points, while Shana Dus paced the Celts with 11.

Golf course. 7/19/84

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BASKETBALL: Sue Forfa poured in 25 points to lead the Blazers to a 52-26 win over the Suns and Kathy Schmidt scored 12 to lift the Sixers to a 32-20 win over the Knicks Tuesday in Parks and Recreation Girls' Summer Basketball League.

Debbie Belanger scored 10 to lead the Knicks and Sandi Hassett led the Suns with 13.

Monday, Shana Dus netted 28 to lead the Celts to a 39-10 win over the Nets and Katy Kator had 15 to carry the Warriors to a 33-29 win over the Hawks.

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BASKETBALL: Erin Callahan scored eight points and Ann Waldheim added six last night to lead the Knicks to a 22-18 win over the Nets in the Pittsfield Department of Recreation girls' summer basketball league. Kim Matthews scored six to lead the Nets.

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BASKETBALL: Judy Tierney poured in 21 points and Sandi Hassett and Tracy Bourden had 14 each last night to lead the Suns to a 59-20 win over the Hawks in the Pittsfield Recreation Department summer girls' basketball league. Ann Koczela had 14 to lead the Hawks.

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BASKETBALL: Nancy Gleason scored 20 points to lead the Warriors to a 51-20 win over the Hawks, and Kathy Cyphers netted 12 to pace the Nets to a 35-20 win over the Celtics last night in the Pittsfield Recreation Department girls' summer basketball league.

Katie Keator added 18 points for the Warriors, Becky Canale had eight to pace the Hawks and Shana Dus scored nine to lead the Celtics.

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BASKETBALL: Ann Koczela scored 14 points to lead the Hawks to a 35-34 overtime victory over the

Celtics last night in a Pittsfield Recreation Department girls' summer basketball league game. Shana Dus paced the Celtics with 12 points.

In other action, Sandi Hassett fired in 30 points and Tracy Borden poured in 22 to power the Suns to a 66-45 triumph over the Nets. Karen Matthews had 20 for the Nets.

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BASKETBALL: Sandi Hassett scored 30 points for the second straight game and Tracy Borden added 26 last night to lead the Suns to a 72-38 win over the Celtics in the Pittsfield Recreation Department girls' summer basketball league. Shana Dus led the Celtics with 16 points.

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL: The Warriors and the Blazers had to settle for a share of the championship in

the Department of Recreation girls' summer basketball league, since their season-ending showdown for first place was halted by rain and lightning last night at Clapp Park, with the Blazers leading 12-10 in the second period.

Both teams finished 9-0, with the Hawks 7-3, Suns 6-4, Celtics 4-6, Knicks 3-7, Nets 2-8 and Sixers 1-9. Sports Inc. was co-sponsor of the league, which was organized and directed by PHS girls' basketball coach Tom Bligh and Taconic's Joe Racicot.

City seeks volunteers for Adopt-A-Park

The Department of Recreation is seeking new volunteers to take part in the Adopt-A-Park program, which will be continuing this spring.

Adopt-A-Park is a program designed to recruit groups, clubs, organizations and residents of the city of Pittsfield and surrounding communities as volunteers to maintain park areas, open spaces, squares and median strips. Volunteers are needed for minor maintenance, surveillance (park watch), and playground programs.

For more information, interested groups and individuals should contact recreation supervisor Kelly A. Devanny at the Department of Recreation.

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College volunteers to clean up square

Student government members at Berkshire Community College have volunteered to clean up Park Square on Saturday as part of the Citizens Volunteer Alliance Adopt-a-Park program sponsored by the Recreation Department.

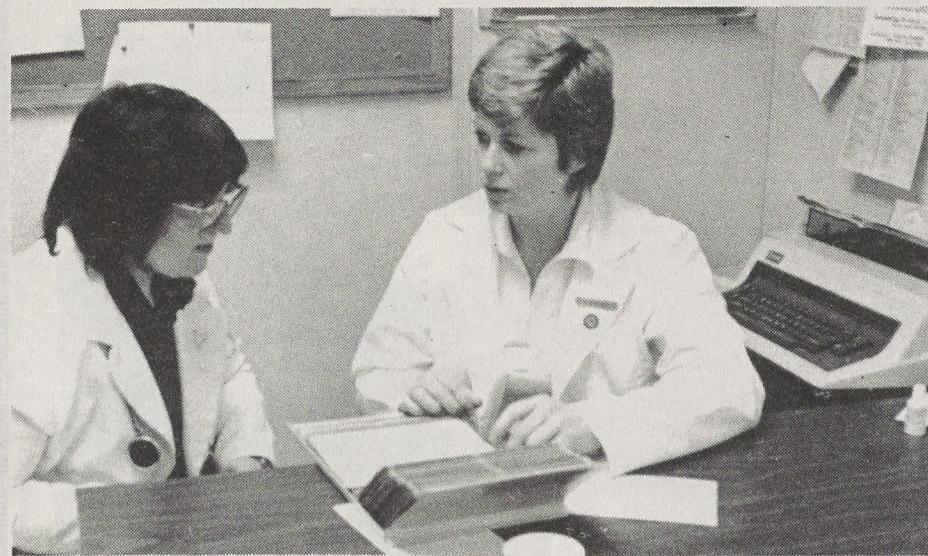
The BCC group, headed by Paul Caccavillo, will start work at 9 a.m. The students plan to clear and turn over the soil in the flower beds, pick up litter and rake the grass.

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Hillcrest employees "adopt" Clapp Park

A group of Hillcrest volunteers under the organizational push of Kathy Hickey, RRT, assistant technical director of the Respiratory Therapy Department, will "adopt" Clapp Park this spring and summer.

It's all part of Hillcrest's emphasis on community involvement.



Kathy Hickey, RRT, (right) assistant technical director of the Respiratory Therapy Department, will head Hillcrest volunteers in the Adopt-A-Park program at Clapp Park this spring and summer. Here she is going over work assignments with a colleague, Denyse Trong, RRT.

The hospital personnel will participate in the Adopt-A-Park Program, which was introduced last year by the Citizens Volunteer Alliance of the Pittsfield Parks & Recreation Department.

Kelly A. Devanny, recreation supervisor, said that her department and a large corps of volunteers, are shooting

for an early May spring cleanup date. It will depend, of course, on how rapidly the ground dries out after the snow melts.

She added that in her discussions with Miss Hickey, the idea of having Hillcrest volunteers adopt Clapp Park was mutually agreed on, and since then Miss Hickey has been busy organizing her team of workers for the original "spring cleanup" onslaught.

On the first weekend, winter debris, including broken glass, bottles, cans as well as tree limbs and leaves, will be removed.

After that, according to the plan, the group will be on its own to organize a schedule of routine maintenance, raking, weeding, painting, etc.

Miss Hickey points out that the work of the Hillcrest volunteers would be a tribute of action to the late Dr. Robert J. Kirvin, veteran Hillcrest trustee, who was a 25-year member of the Park Commission.

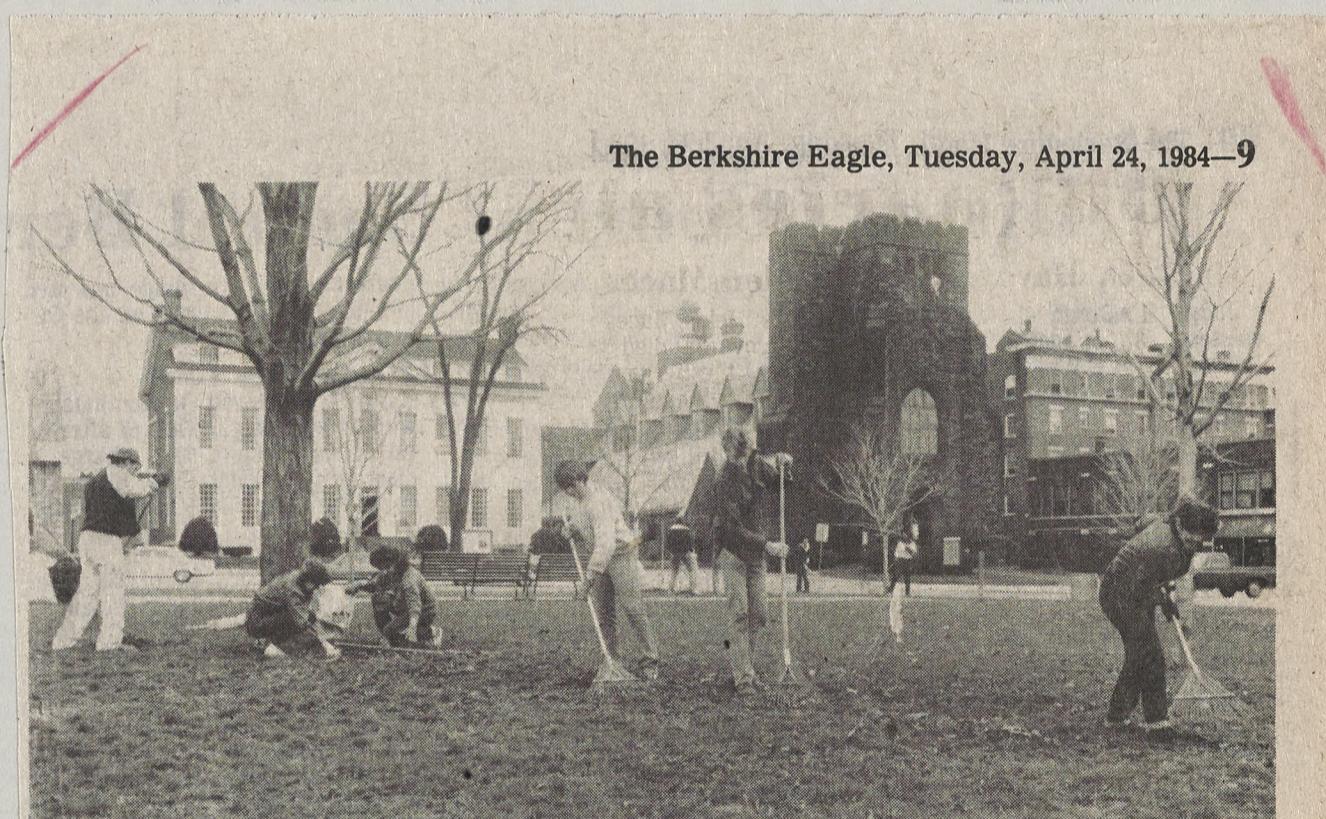
Miss Hickey describes the Adopt-A-Park plan as "a real good cause," pointing out that in view of budgetary cuts made necessary by Proposition 2 1/2, some programs would have to be reduced or curtailed if it were not for the help of volunteers doing work that city employees did a few years ago.



Mark Mitchell

CLEANUP CREW of Brownies of Troop 531 were hard at work Saturday at Springside Park. Left to right are Jill Bouassa, Jennifer LaBrode and Jennifer Campbell.

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Mark Mitchell

SPRING CLEANING was given Park Square by Berkshire Community College students Saturday. Rakers, all members of the student senate are, left to right, Brent Humphries, Monica Emerson, Pam Morehead, Paul Caccavillo, Roy Noepel and Juliet Hughes. They also cleaned the Senior Center parking lot on Bradford Street in their day of community service. As part of the Adopt-A-Park program, the Knights of Columbus will plant flowers in Park Square.

Volunteer groups will clean parks

Two groups involved in the Citizens Volunteer Alliance Adopt-A-Park program sponsored by the Department of Recreation plan this month to clean up areas they have adopted.

The month has been declared "Keep the City of Pittsfield Beautiful Month."

On Saturday, 12 employees of Hillcrest Hospital, under the direction of Kathy Hickey, will start cleaning up Clapp Park at 10 a.m.

Berkshire Chapter 65 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, under the direction of Lawrence E. Caprari, will start work at the South Street Memorial Park at 2.

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12—The Berkshire Eagle, Wednesday, May 9, 1984

Boys' Club, CYC plan campaign to clean up railroad right of way

Volunteers led by Boys' Club and Catholic Youth Center contingents will clear litter from the downtown railroad right of way Saturday from 9 to noon in the traditional centerpiece of Pittsfield's annual spring cleanup campaign.

Volunteers and members of leaders' clubs from both organizations will participate, said Boys' Club Assistant Superintendent Craig R. Crysler, but more volunteers are needed.

He said anyone willing to help may contact him at the Boys' Club or Vincent Marinaro at the CYC.

The organizations will provide food and beverage for the workers, he said.

While its location smack in the heart of downtown makes de-littering the railroad strip from the Second Street bridge west to the Amtrak station off Depot Street the most visible project, groups of volunteers are cleaning up all over the city.

Mayor Charles L. Smith set aside May as "Cleanup Month to Prevent Fires and Keep the City of Pittsfield Beautiful."

In many cases, volunteers pitch in now and then to keep their chosen spots clean and trim long after May is over.

Many of them have enrolled in the city's Adopt-a-Park program. The Berkshire chapter of the Vietnam

Veterans of America cares for the South Street War Memorial Park. The Knights of Columbus have adopted Park Square. The North End Association of Trade tends the median strip at First and North streets. Hillcrest Hospital has taken on Clapp Park.

Concord Parkway residents turned out last weekend to rake, weed, mow and remove downed branches from their parkway strip and street. "We do it every year, ever since [Proposition] 2½," said Patricia Woodlock of 16 Concord Parkway. "We took six or seven truckloads out."

Mr. and Mrs. Chester C. Sumner of 375 Dalton Ave. look after the

Allendale arch and another couple, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan May of 38 Harding St., have adopted the West Street Cemetery, according to recreation supervisor Kelly A. Devanny of the Department of Community Services.

In addition, she announced, a neighborhood group is planning to adopt Highland Park.

May cleanup chairman Mark Miller said the School Department will participate by enlisting students to pick up litter near their schools at recess time.

The campaign is more than a one-shot effort, Miller said. The aim is "awareness — to clean up and keep it clean."



CLEANING THE BANKS along the railroad tracks between North and Second streets Saturday morning were about 50 volunteers from the Boys' Club and Catholic Youth Center. CYC director James J. McNeice Jr. said the effort filled two dump trucks with refuse.

Mark Mitchell

Neighborhood Mothers will clean up the Common

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and balloons, said Geri Petruzzella of 33 Willis St., who is organizing the cleanup.

Under the Recreation Department's Adopt-a-Park program, which has been in existence since 1983, local civic groups, businesses and families have performed minor maintenance work on the city's parks. The program was made necessary by reductions in municipal funds caused by Proposition 2½. The city provides paint, brushes and rakes, but the laborers are all volunteers.

"They have really been a big help," said Kelly Devanny of the Recreation Department.

Miss Devanny said that there are 15 volunteer groups working in parks around the city but that the Neighborhood Mothers is the first neighborhood group.

Park helpers

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

Please be informed that the article on the deterioration of Pittsfield's parks recently printed in *The Eagle* failed to include the hard work of the neighborhood mothers in the area of the Common Park to bring about some improvements in our park.

During the summer, with the help and guidance of the Parks Department, we did such things as such as rust-proofing the playground equipment, replacing broken swings and adding sand to sandboxes, painting buildings and rebuilding the baseball area, raking and weeding and constant trash pickup.

I think it quite unfair to all of us who pitched in and helped all summer long.

I would appreciate a mention of our efforts at improvement at our park and at Springside and Onota Lake parks as well. This should have been included to make the article "well-rounded."

GERALDINE A. PETRUZZELLA
33 Willis St. SEP 25 1984
Pittsfield

The writer is Adopt-a-Park leader at the Common Park.

Incentive needed

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

What a shame it would be to see any of the Pittsfield parks close. The "adopt a park" idea mentioned in Judy Katz's article on Aug. 27 sounds wonderful, but it doesn't seem as if much incentive is offered for what sounds like an extremely time- and energy-consuming job.

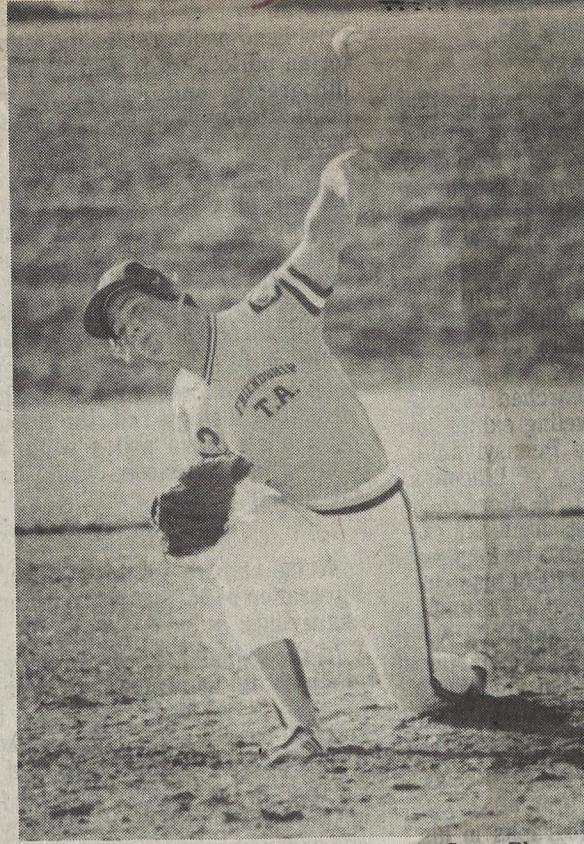
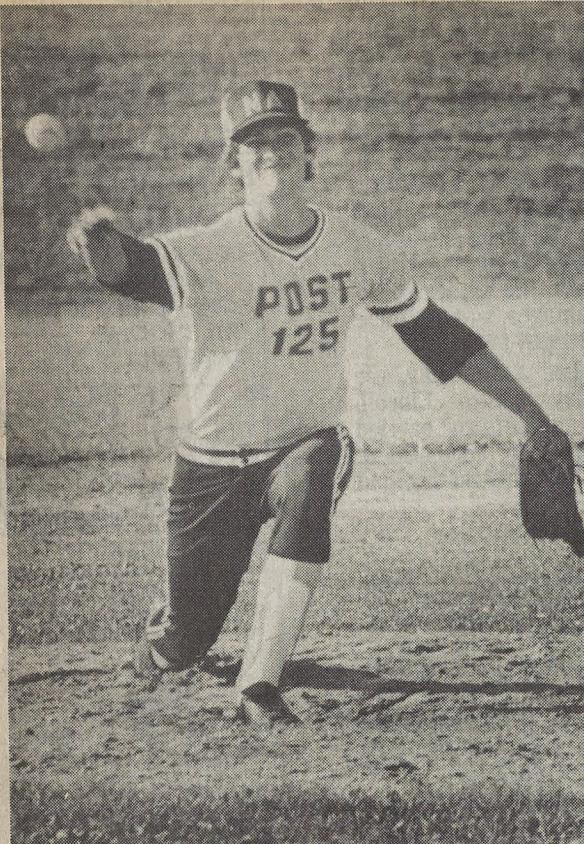
I wonder if civic organizations would be willing to "adopt a park" if the elements of competition and public recognition were injected into the scheme. If several "adoptions" were to occur, would *The Eagle* be willing to sponsor awards for "adoptive parents"? Awards might include categories such as most beautiful, most creative use of space, best kids parks, etc.

MOLLY CURLETTI
West Stockbridge

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Photos by Susan Plageman

PAIR OF ACES in Berkshire Hills Conference high school baseball action this spring will be pitchers Kevin Chenail, left, of Drury and Matt Sheran of Taconic, shown here during last summer's American Legion action. Chenail, who had a 1.13 ERA last year, and Sheran, who was 9-1, are among several top-notch pitchers in the county league this season.

TEE BALL: Registration for the Pittsfield Department of Recreation's Tee Ball League, formerly the Flea League, will be held this Mon-

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day and Tuesday from 10 to noon at the Dr. Robert J. Kirvin Memorial Park, formerly called Sackett Park. The league is open to girls and boys five through seven years of age who live in Pittsfield.

Team rosters and schedules will be distributed Friday, July 6 at 10 a.m. at Kirvin Memorial Park. Games will be played weekday mornings between 10 and 11:30 beginning Monday, July 9.

The league is recreational and instructional, stressing fundamentals and sportsmanship.

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BRINDLE LEAGUE: The Paul Brindle League 13-to-15-year-old baseball program has scheduled tryouts for Saturday, May 5, and Monday night, May 7, at the Crosby Middle School field.

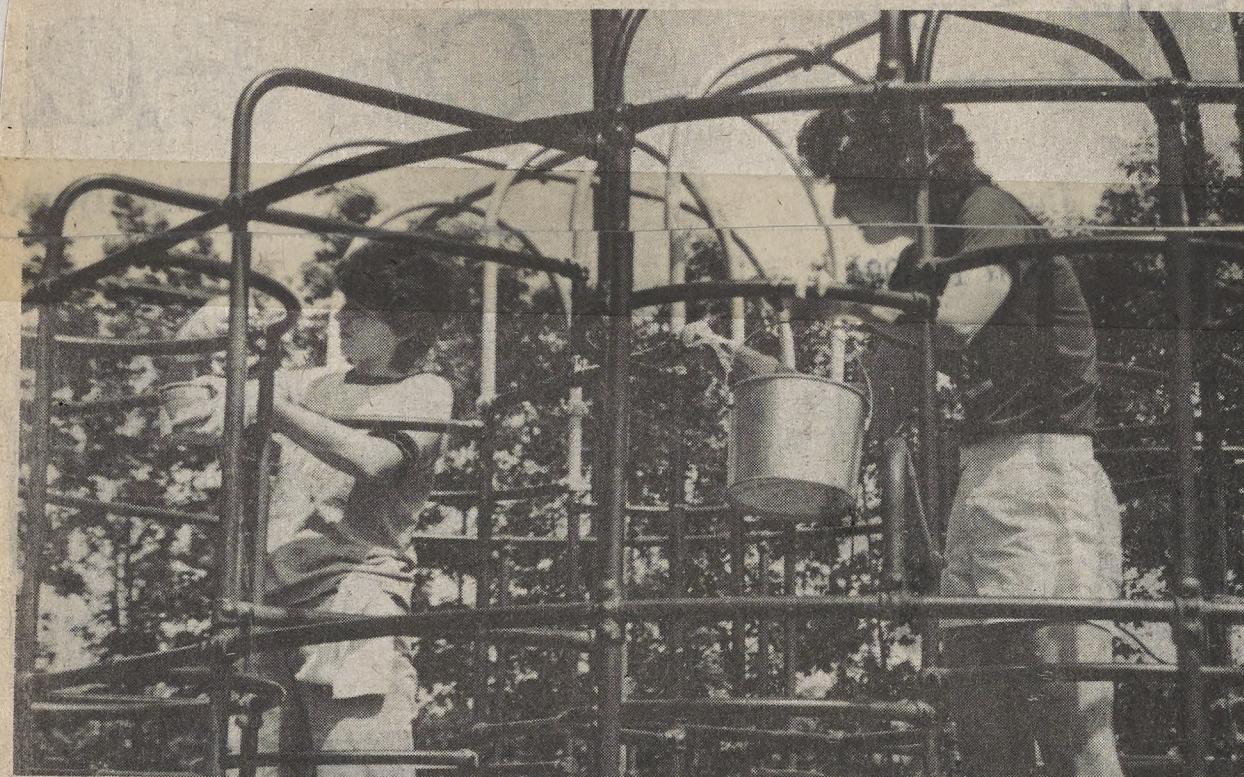
Registration will be taken at the tryout sessions.

All 13-year-old players should report for tryouts May 5 at 10 a.m., while all 14- and 15-year-olds should report May 7 at 6 p.m.

Players must be 13 years old but not over 15 on August 1, 1984, to be eligible for the league.

The league season is scheduled to open May 29. **APR 30 1984**

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NEIGHBORHOOD MOTHERS turned out at the Common on First Street on Saturday to spruce up the facilities as part of the Pittsfield Park Department's Adopt-a-Park program. Kelly Devanny, left, and Nancy Nolan are painting the Jungle Gym.

Mark Mitchell

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It's the oldest established, permanent winter carnival in the U.S.A.



Jack LaDuke

Gala Saturday parade highlights carnival weekend.

By Dardis McNamee

The crowd lined the snow-cleared sidewalk, people three and four deep hoisting children to their shoulders. Some balanced on the porch railings of The Watering Hole tavern and others stood on the Town Hall steps or sat on the window ledges. In the little Adirondack village of Saranac Lake, everybody shows up for the Winter Carnival parade. Elaborate floats rolled by, peopled with fantasy characters: an oversized E.T. waved from his space ship to a child's squeal of recognition, and Popeye, flexing his balloon forearm, chugged along on the good ship Olive Oyle while Wimpy passed out burgers hot off the grill from a dinghy rolling along behind.

Bagpipers

There were bagpipers, musketed militia and over 30 marching bands in shiny satin uniforms — one band with fluffy white muffs zipped over each silver horn. To cheers and greetings from friends, they



Jack LaDuke
A Palace of Ice is built each year.

filled Main Street for two hours competing for village honors.

The Saranac Lake Winter Carnival, which began in 1898, is believed to be the oldest of its kind in America. But it's an intimate, small-town affair, five days of friendly sporting events, parades, fireworks and other celebrations of village life on snow and ice quite different from the more touristy events of nearby Lake Placid.

Because of this village's location in the Adirondack Mountains high-peaks region, the carnival makes an appealing focus for a mid-winter holiday. This year's celebration, Feb. 8-12, will offer daily ice hockey

contests at the Saranac Lake Civic Center and weekend skating and cross country ski races.

The cross country race is held on the lovely terrain of the lower slopes of Dewey Mountain, just outside of town. Last year, in spite of very light snow, these well-tended trails curved through hushed woods of maple and birch where snow still nested in the branches and deer prints made patterns in the light powder. Both the skating rink and the Dewey Mountain trails — some of which are lit at night — are open to the public in carnival week, except during race times.

One of the most unusual sporting

events is the ice-diving exhibition by the Adirondack Mountain Divers. Last year, a crowd gathered at 9:30 Saturday morning to watch 12 trained divers in wet suits plunge into 34 degree water through a 6-foot hole in the ice.

"I don't see how they do it," said one chilly bystander as the first divers slipped into the lake. "This water's cold enough in the summer!"

But the divers say that by the time they go into the water, they are "actually sweating a little" under the wet suits. A layer of water in the suit's lining is heated by the body and makes it possible to stay down for about 20 minutes without much danger from the cold.

When they talk about it, divers can get a bit mystical, sighing things like "complete freedom" and "another world."

"And it's really beautiful," said one. "You can look up at the flat canopy of ice and watch the bubbles float up like silver mercury."

"Personally," said another, "I like to walk upside down on the ice."

Centenary

This year's carnival is a special one for Saranac Lake. It will mark the founding 100 years ago of the Trudeau Sanatorium, the pioneering center for the treatment of tuberculosis that carried the village through its heyday. Parade floats are planned with historical themes, honoring Dr. Edward Livingston Trudeau and the sanatorium, the grand old hotels, the logging industry and some of the characters of the health spa brought in on the train.

If you stop at Little Joe's Pub on Main Street during the carnival, you may find 91-year-old Seaver Rice holding court. He remembers the first carnival in '98 when he rode on a horse-drawn sleigh float. He can tell you, too, about the loggers who rode the huge, cut trees down the river into Lake Flower in the center of the village and on 50 miles to Plattsburgh and Lake Champlain.

He may also tell you about the time Legs Diamond came disguised as a nun — with six beefy bodyguards — to visit his sick brother. On the time a Southern gentleman named Samuel Clemens saved him from the wrath of his elders who caught him swimming nude in the lake.

Rice says the village hasn't changed much over the years. At the lower end of the lake, some of the old hotels and rooming houses have given way to modern motels, but Main Street is still made up of stores with 19th-century brick and



91-year-old Seaver Rice has seen it all.

lintelled facades, the Town Hall and a dignified little utility company. There's a community theater over one of the stores and a fine pastry shop, the Yum Yum Tree, with first-rate chocolate croissants.

Hotel Saranac

At the far end of Main Street is the Hotel Saranac, a rambling old place built in 1930 and now run by Paul Smith's College school of hotel management. The hotel is still being renovated after years of neglect, but it's an inexpensive place to stay and in an ideal location. The food in the student-run dining room is not haute cuisine but good value, and the service, though uneven, is unfailingly polite and good-humored. The hotel also hosts the Saturday night carnival dinner and costume ball — two very appropriate uses for its grand spaces of marble and carved wood.

Pure rustic

For people who want a taste of pure rustic, there's the Cold River Ranch 10 minutes from town. Here the Fontana family have opened their century-old farmhouse to nine or 10 guests at a time. They offer guided ski tours on the farm's 112 acres of trail-carved woods and on into the 1.5 million acres of state wilderness preserve which about their land — some of the finest cross country territory anywhere.

And for the connoisseur's weekend, consider The Point, a former Rockefeller country home which is now a luxury lodge on Lake Clear, north of Saranac Lake. Owned by retired financier Ted Carter, it is

one of only three U.S. hosteries recommended to European travelers by the French hotel guide "Relais et Chateaux." The Point gets plaudits for appointments, setting and the ultra-cosetting of guests.

Carnival ends with fireworks Sunday night, and with the storming of the huge ice palace, redesigned each year by local architects and built from 550-pound blocks of ice cut from Lake Flower. Torch-bearing snowmobiles sweep across the lake in an arc of trailing light, and, amid shouting and hurrahs, attackers climb to the promontory where the palace has stood its ground for decades. To a pop, a whistle and an "aaaah" from the crowd, a rocket bursts into a bright shower overhead and the light of a dozen flickering torches is reflected in the shimmering walls of ice.

GETTING THERE:

From Pittsfield, take I 90 to the Northway (I 87 north), to Exit 30; take NY 73 west to Saranac Lake which is 10 miles past Lake Placid.

For further information on accommodations, prices and reservations, call:

Cold River Ranch; Route 3, (518) 359-7559; \$39 daily per person, double room.

Hotel Saranac, Main Street, (518) 891-2200; \$28-\$48.

The Point, NY 30, (518) 891-5674; \$275-\$350 daily per couple.

Bed and breakfast placement service: (518) 523-3739.

Saranac Lake Chamber of Commerce: (518) 891-1990.

GIRLS' SOFTBALL: Registration for the Pittsfield Parks Department's girls' youth softball league will be held Saturday, May 5, from 10 to noon and Monday, May 7, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Parks Department offices at 874 North St.

Registrations will be accepted during office hours Monday, May 7, as well. All late registrations will be placed on a waiting list.

All players, whether they played in the league last summer or not, must register. There will be a \$5 equipment fee payable when registering. All girls who register will be assigned to a team.

The league will be split into two divisions, with the minor league for

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girls ages 10 to 12 and the major league for girls ages 13 to 15. To be eligible, girls must be at least 10 by June 1 but not 16 before August 31. The girls also must be residents of Pittsfield.

The league is tentatively scheduled to open play June 4. Anyone wishing further information should contact recreation supervisor Kelly Devanny at the Parks Department offices.

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GIRLS' SOFTBALL: Registration for the Pittsfield Department of Recreation girls' youth softball league will be Saturday from 10 to noon and Monday from 6 to 7 p.m. at Springside House, 874 North St. Registration will also be accepted there during office hours Monday from 9 to 5.

There will be a \$5 equipment fee payable when registering. All girls will be assigned to a team. To be eligible, girls must be at least 10 years old by June 1, but not 16 before Aug. 31. The league opens June 4.

GIRLS' SOFTBALL: The Pittsfield Department of Recreation Girls' Youth Softball League is scheduled to begin Monday at 6 p.m., with games at Pittsfield High School and the Springside Park Zoo. Games are scheduled every Monday through Friday at each field.

The league consists of 12 teams, six each in minor and major divisions. More than 180 girls aged 10-15 will participate in the league, with each team playing a 15-game schedule. In Monday's openers, the Orioles play the Red Sox in the major division at PHS, and the Red Sox play the Royals in the minor division at Springside.

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Wash-a-thon slated by softball league

The Pittsfield Department of Recreation Girls Youth Softball League will conduct a car wash-a-thon tomorrow behind Pittsfield High School from 10 to 1, rain or shine. All cars will be washed free of charge and the event is open to the public.

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Area softball roundup JUL 1 1984

Pittsfield girls team places 3rd in states

The Pittsfield Recreation Department girls' age 13-15 slow-pitch softball team finished third in State Youth Tournament play this weekend at Northampton.

Pittsfield began play Saturday with a 19-3 thumping of Easthampton B before losing 13-0 to eventual champion Leominster and dropping into the loser's bracket. The squad then rebounded with a 5-2 victory over Hadley.

Pittsfield needed six wins to take the title Sunday and they got off to a good start with a narrow 5-4 decision over Southampton, one of the

pre-tournament favorites. Pittsfield then edged Greenfield 4-2 and blanked Haverhill 3-0 before losing 10-1 to Northampton and bowing out of the tourney with a 5-2 record.

Sarah Breznak pitched all seven games for Pittsfield. C.C. Coughlin led Pittsfield offensively with 13 hits in 17 trips, and Shannon Blake pitched in with 10 hits in 19 trips. Melanie Thistle added eight hits in 13 plate appearances.

GIRLS' SOFTBALL: The Department of Recreation Girls' Youth Softball League will send two teams to the state tournament this month.

Representing the department in the age 12-and-under tournament July 7 and 8 in Easthampton are Jennifer Amuso, Lisa Archey, Lisa Arpante, Tricia Doyle, Patricia Ferrari, Kristen Fielder, Jennifer

Heath, Stephanie Huber, Monique Massacani, Amy Shepardson, Kim Shepardson, Christine Slocik, Lisa Stanhope, Kelly Taylor and Lisa White. Lori DeCorie will coach the team with assistance from Phil Tierney and Joe Bilotto.

Players chosen for the age 13-15 tournament July 14 and 15 in Amherst are Shannon Blake, Sarah Breznak, Chris Coughlin, Sue Dah-

rouge, Rhonda Daniels, Nicole DeSilvo, Krys Germann, Alicia Monahan, Kellie O'Hagerty, Sandy LeBeau, Chris Ramocki, Jennifer Spiewak, Melanie Thistle, Tammy Voloscove and Peggy Ward. Joe Dahrouge will coach the team with Lane Voloscove and Jim Blake acting as assistants.

Both tournaments are slow pitch, double elimination competitions.

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Area softball roundup

Pittsfield girls fall in state final;

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CONGRATULATIONS

PITTSFIELD
GIRLS
Softball
Tournament Team

7/10/84 13-15

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Plus Girls
Shannon Blake
Sara Breznak
C.C. Coughlin
Kris Coury
Sue Dahrouge
Rhonda Daniels
Nicole Desilva
Kris Germann
Suzanne LaPierre
Alicia Monahan
Kellie O'Hagerty
Chris Ramocki
Jennifer Spiewak
Melanie Thistle
Tammy Voloscove
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to place 3rd
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July 7 & 8

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SARAH BREZNIAK
CHRIS COUGHLAN
KRYS COURY
SUE DAHROUGE
RHONDA DANIELS
NICOLE DESALVO
KRIS GERMAN
SUZANNE LAPIERRE
ALICIA MONAHAN
KELLIE O'HAGERTY
CHRIS RAMOCKI
JENNIFER SPIEWAK
MELANIE THISTLE
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Your Parents, Coaches and
fans!!

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7/12/84

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9-12 Year Old

1984

Softball

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You gave us more than
anyone hoped.

Thanks for
the Memories

From the
fans and parents

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GIRLS' SOFTBALL: The Giants and Brewers emerged as champions in the Pittsfield Department of Parks and Recreation girls' youth softball league post-season play.

The Giants defeated the second place Yankees 7-6, 14-9 to capture the age 10-12 Minor Division in the best-of-three playoff series. The Giants finished the regular season with a 13-2 mark, followed by the Yankees (9-6), Royals (8-7), Fillies (6-9) and Red Sox (1-14).

The Brewers came from behind to take their best-of-three playoff series with the Orioles in the age 13-15 major division. The Orioles won the opener 6-4, before the Brewers rallied 3-2, 12-4. The Brewers won the regular season title with a 12-3 mark, followed by the Cardinals (10-5), Orioles (9-6), Falcons (7-8), Eagles (6-9) and Red Sox (1-14).

The season ends officially tomorrow with a league picnic at Wild Acres. All players are welcome to attend.

Girls tournament 7/19/84

EASTHAMPTON — The Pittsfield Recreation Department's 12-and-under all-star team posted five victories yesterday to advance to the finals of the Mass. State ASA Junior Olympic Slow Pitch tournament.

The Pittsfield team, which is 5-1 in the double-elimination tournament, will now face Greenfield in the finals tonight beginning at 5.

Greenfield is unbeaten going into the finals and can win the title with a victory.

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Susan Plageman

MAJOR DIVISION champions of the Pittsfield Recreation Department Girls' Softball League are the Brewers, who captured the title in the age 13-15 division with a 13-2 record. Team members are, from left: FRONT ROW — Tammy Cassinelli, Michelle Perault, Kathy Schilling, Missy Martin, Beth Ptak

and Tracey Cassinelli. BACK ROW — Coach Ed Ramocki, Wendy Vella, Chris Ramoki, Kris Coury, Chris Jones, Colleen Tchorz and assistant coach Pete Jones. Absent when the photo was taken were Lisa Timmins, Gina Laverda and Patty Moretti.

AUG 11 1984



Susan Plageman

MINOR DIVISION champions of the Pittsfield Recreation Department Girls' Softball League are the Giants, who won the age 10-12 division with a 12-3 record. Team members are, from left: FRONT ROW — assistant coach Kelly Kinnas, Darcy Costa, Tami Monterosso, Colleen Murray, Kari Monterosso, Er-

inn Hayes, Michelle Henault, Tammy Winters and Jodie Hessler. BACK ROW — Coach Dudley Kinnas, Renee Henault, Trish Doyle, Shauna McNeice, Jennifer Heath, Lisa Stanhope, Pam Jones, Jennifer Hayes, Kelly Taylor and Coach Bob Taylor.

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Susan Plageman

Taken to cleaners

Owner Armond Borden saves customers' clothing from his Fenway Cleaners, 216 Tyler St., during 6 p.m. cellar fire yesterday that caused some smoke and structural damage. Power cutoff left building, including Trophy Shop, without heat or light. Cause of the fire is unknown.

Pittsfield youth grid sign-up starts Monday

ball League, sponsored by the Department of Recreation, will begin Monday, Aug. 13, and will close Friday, Aug. 17. To be eligible, players must be in the age 9-13 range. The league will be divided into two divisions, with the A Division for players aged 12 and 13 and the B Division for players aged 9 to 11.

New candidates should fill out the registration coupon on this page and return it to the Department of Recreation, 874 North St. Tryouts will begin Aug. 20 at 6 p.m. on the Common on First Street. Teams will be picked Aug. 23.

Candidates must attend at least 50 percent of the tryouts to be selected for a team, and must be present Aug. 23 to be picked. Anyone who will be away the week of Aug. 20 should register in advance with a statement to that effect. They will be assigned to teams in their absence.

Candidates must obtain medical waivers from their family physi-

cians. League rules require all players to wear cups and protective mouthpieces, which must be provided by the players.

Candidates for the A Division must have been born on or after Aug. 1, 1970 and prior to July 31, 1972. B Division candidates must have been born on or before Aug. 1, 1972, and prior to July 31, 1975. There is a \$10 equipment fee for each player.

Area sports

FOOTBALL AUG 18 1984

City Junior grid tryouts begin Monday

JUNIOR FOOTBALL: Tryouts for the Junior Football League sponsored by the Pittsfield Department of Recreation will begin Monday at 6 p.m. at The Common on First Street. Boys who have not yet registered may do so Monday. Registrations close Wednesday. Each candidate must have a medical waiver from his physician before being issued a uniform.

The league schedule will open Sept. 15 for the B squad and Sept. 16 for the A squad. The B squad games will be at Reid Middle School field Saturdays and the A squad games at Wahconah Park Sundays.

All players returning from last season must contact their coaches if they are planning to play in 1984. A \$10 equipment fee will be charged to defray league expenses.

1984 Junior Football League Registration Form

I would like to play in the Junior Football League under the direction of the Dept. of Recreation Youth Ages 9-13.

Name _____

Address _____

Birthdate: Month _____

Day _____ Year _____

Phone _____ Age as of Aug. 1, 1984 _____

I hereby give permission for my son to play in the Junior Football League.

Parent's Signature _____

Return to: _____

Pittsfield Junior Football
Dept. of Recreation
874 North St., Pittsfield 01201

Area sports

SEP 7 1984

Junior Football sets ticket sale Sunday

FOOTBALL TICKETS: The Pittsfield Junior Football League will conduct its annual door-to-door season ticket sale Sunday from 10 to 2, the Department of Recreation has announced.

All league players and coaches will participate in the sale, and anyone wishing to volunteer, especially parents, should report to The Common on First Street at 9:30 a.m.

Proceeds from the sale will help defray league expenses.

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Dom Strizzi had low gross of 83 and Hank Sokop had individual low net.

In the Berkshire Hills Businessmen's Golf League, the team of John Majchrowski, Art Levy, Bob Greve and John Russell won a matching of cards with Bill Eramo,

Mike Kuzara, Mort Wayne and Joe Furciniti for low net of 57. Wayne and Jim Garstang tied for individual low net of 67.

Area sports

SEP 17 1984

Lions, Browns win Junior grid openers

JUNIOR FOOTBALL: The Lions and the Browns posted shutout victories yesterday as the Pittsfield Junior Football League opened its season with a double-header at Wahconah Park.

In the first game, Chuck Sheran and Shaun Murphy teamed up to help lift the Lions to a 14-0 win over the defending A Division champion Giants. First, Sheran hit Murphy with a 13-yard touchdown pass to put the Lions ahead with two minutes to go in the first half. And then, in the fourth quarter, Murphy scampered 9 yards for his second touchdown after Sheran had set up the play with a 26-yard run of his own. Sheran then ran for the two-point conversion.

In the second game, Shaun Kirby raced around the end for a 6-yard touchdown run with less than a minute remaining to give the Browns their 8-0 victory over the Rams. Kirby then added the two-point conversion to complete the scoring.

Area sports

SEP 25 1984

Rams blank Lions in junior grid play

JUNIOR FOOTBALL: The Rams blanked the Lions 12-0 and the Browns and Giants fought to a scoreless tie in A Division games at Wahconah Park Sunday in the Pittsfield Junior Football League.

Mitch McKnight scored both Ram touchdowns on runs of 45 and two yards. Peter Garivaltis of the Browns had the longest run of the afternoon, a 55-yard kickoff return to the Brown 25.

John Mathes of the Rams and Bernie Godfrey of the Lions were defensive standouts.

The Browns and Giants went into

overtime but still couldn't break their tie. In the tiebreaker, the Browns were unsuccessful in four attempts from the 10-yard line and the Giants were thwarted on a second down interception by Shaun Kirby.

Nate Brown of the Browns and Eric Sprague of the Giants were defensive standouts in that contest.

Area sports

OCT 08 1984

Rams win junior grid tilt

JUNIOR FOOTBALL: The Rams blanked the Browns 18-0 while the Lions and Giants played to a 12-12 tie in Pittsfield Junior Football League action yesterday at Wahconah Park.

Mitch McKnight scored a pair of touchdowns, one on a 4-yard run and the other on a 40-yard interception return, to lead the Rams. The other Ram score came when Eric Taylor recovered a Browns' fumble in the end zone.

In the second game, both the Lions and Giants scored touchdowns in the tie-breaker, but the game remained deadlocked when neither team could cash in for the conversion points.

In regulation play, Chuck Sheran scored on a 4-yard run after hitting Dave Donovan on a 40-yard pass to put the Rams ahead 6-0, but the Lions forced the game into the tie-breaker when Marty Mayberry

scored on a 26-yard touchdown jaunt.

Mayberry also scored for the Lions on a 10-yard sweep in overtime, but Shaun Murphy tied it for the Giants on a 5-yard TD run.

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Area sports

OCT 2 1984

Rams, Lions post Junior Football wins

JUNIOR FOOTBALL: The Rams and Lions posted victories Sunday in Pittsfield Junior Football League action at Wahconah Park.

The Rams shut out the Giants 14-0, while the Lions scored a 20-6 win over the Browns.

The Rams scored all of their points in the first quarter en route to this victory over the Giants. Eric Zopf put the Rams on the board when he pounced on a Giant fumble in the end zone, and Mitch McKnight ran the two-point conversion to make it 8-0. McKnight then scored on a 26-yard run after the Rams' Chris Hathaway had intercepted a pass and returned it to the Giants' 45.

In the second game, Shaun Murphy scored on touchdown runs of 14 and 40 yards to lead the Lions, who, like the Rams, are 2-1. Chuck Sheran added the two-point conversion after Murphy's first score, while Peter Garivaltis added the final Lions' touchdown on a 9-yard run.

Aaron Kipp scored on a 1-yard run for the Browns after John Rodick had hit Pat Farnsworth with a 61-yard pass that carried to the Browns' 1.

Area sports

OCT 15 1984

Rams win Jr. title;

JUNIOR FOOTBALL: Mitch McKnight raced for touchdown runs of 91 and 71 yards yesterday as the Rams wrapped up the championship of the Pittsfield Junior Football League with a 20-6 victory over the Lions. The winners' other score came when John Mathes blocked a Lions punt and teammate Rick Berkeley fell on it in the end zone. Eric Taylor added a two-point conversion.

For the Lions, Shaun Murphy ran 70 yards for a touchdown.

In the other game, Scott Hunter's second-period fumble recovery set up a 5-yard touchdown run by Eric Sprague to lift the Giants to a 6-0 win over the Browns in a game dominated by the defense. The

Browns' Corie Salvie and the Giants' Neil Sprague were top defensive performers.

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Junior football

Giants, Rams win finales

The Giants upset the league champion Rams 14-8 and the Lions shut out the Browns 14-0 last Sunday at Wahconah Park in the final games of the Pittsfield Junior Football League season.

The Rams finished on top with a 4-2 mark, followed by the Lions (3-2-1), Giants (2-2-2) and Browns (1-4-1).

The Giants took a quick 2-0 lead when Erich Ouellette tackled a Ram runner in the end zone for a safety. Bill Duda recovered a Ram fumble on the 2-yard line, setting up Chad Smith's scoring plunge and an 8-0 Giant lead.

Quarterback Duda set up the final

Giant touchdown on a 29-yard scamper to the 2-yard line. Larry McCray punched it over from there.

Mitch McKnight accounted for the Ram score on a 13-yard run, and Eric Taylor carried in for the extra points.

Chad Smith of the Giants and Pat Tagliente of the Rams keyed their teams' respective defensive efforts.

The Lions did all of their scoring in the second half. Shaun Murphy scored on runs of 34 and 21 yards and Shaun Godfrey added a two-point conversion.

John Rodick of the Browns and Mike Wilk of the Lions were the game's defensive standouts.

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Bob McDonough

CHAMPIONS of the Pittsfield Junior Football League are the Rams, who finished their season yesterday with a 4-2 record. Team members are, from left: FRONT ROW — Matt Bradway, Tom Kirby, Jesse Rando, Mark Avanzato, Mark McNeice, John Beattie, David Taliaferro and Tony Magavero. SECOND ROW — John Mathes, Mike Mazzeo, Paul Kelly, Jason Furness, Dominic Spazioso, Steve Sulock and Joe Trybus.

THIRD ROW — Tony Riello, Pat Tagliente, David Spazioso, Eric Zopf, Chris Hathaway and Joe Carr. FOURTH ROW — Rob Rosier, Eric Taylor, Darren Cowell and Mitch McKnight. FIFTH ROW — head coach Mike Toner and assistants Mike Hall, Mark Snizek and Jon Capeci. Absent when the photo was taken were Geoff Crouse, Matt Caryofilles and Rick Berkeley.



Bill Everhart

2,000 YARDS on the ground have made the St. Joseph's backfield one of the most efficient in Berkshire County this fall. From the left are halfbacks Dave Archey and Brian

Traversa, quarterback Jim Herrick, fullback Mike Morrissey and halfback Dave McNeice. The Crusaders will visit Lee in a 10 a.m. holiday game tomorrow.

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Little League sign-up set

LITTLE LEAGUE: Registration for Pittsfield Little Leagues will begin Saturday at four locations. Registration will be Saturday from 10 to noon and Monday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Candidates for the North League should report to the Peck's Road fire station, the South League to the Holmes Road fire station, the East League to the Somerset Avenue fire station and the West League to the West Housatonic Street fire station. Any candidate unsure of where to

report should contact the Department of Recreation.

Any Pittsfield youngster who will be at least 9 years old on or before Aug. 1, and who will not be 13 by the same date, is eligible. Each player will be assessed \$5 to help defray costs of the league. The season will start May 13 and end July 29. The annual candy sale is Sunday, June 3.

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LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL REGISTRATION

Ages 9 Thru 12

**Saturday March 31, 10:00 A.M.-12:00
Monday April 2, 6:00 P.M.-7:30 P.M.**

**NORTH LEAGUE AT PECKS RD. FIRE STATION
EAST LEAGUE AT SOMERSET AV. FIRE STATION
SOUTH LEAGUE AT HOLMES RD. FIRE STATION
WEST LEAGUE AT WEST HOUSATONIC ST. FIRE STATION**

**A candidate must be 9 yrs. old
before August 1, 1984**

**A candidate must not be 13 yrs old
before August 1, 1984**

**Tryouts to be announced
Opening day May 13**

**NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
DATE OF BIRTH _____**

FOR REGISTRATION

MAR 30 1984

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL REGISTRATION

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**Saturday March 31, 10:00 A.M.-12:00
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**A candidate must be 9 yrs. old
before August 1, 1984**

**A candidate must not be 13 yrs old
before August 1, 1984**

**MAR 29 1984 Tryouts to be announced
Opening day May 13**

**NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
DATE OF BIRTH _____**

FOR REGISTRATION

LITTLE LEAGUE: The North Little League has scheduled tryouts for Saturday, April 21, through Wednesday, April 25, at the Brown Street field.

Tryouts for 9- and 12-year-olds are scheduled for Saturday at 9:30 a.m. and Monday, April 23, at 5:30 p.m. Ten-year-olds can try out Saturday at 11 a.m. and Tuesday, April 24, at 5:30 p.m. Tryouts for 11-year-olds are set for Saturday at 1 p.m. and Wednesday, April 25, at 5:30 p.m.

In the event of rain or cold weather, new dates will be announced at the field.

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LITTLE LEAGUE: Moldmaster and Besse-Clarke posted victories Sunday in opening-day action in the Pittsfield East Little League at the Benedict Road field.

Pitchers John Noonan and Chad Smith combined for a 13-strikeout mound performance and Mark

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Avanzato contributed two singles as Moldmaster downed GE Credit Union 12-9. Tommy Dawley had three hits for the Credit Union.

In the other game, Randy Bonito and Scott Perkins combined to rack up 16 strikeouts as Besse's scored a 7-1 triumph over Rax Restaurants. Bonito fanned seven Rax hitters over the first three innings before Perkins struck out nine in the last three frames.

Dave Viale went 2-for-2 to lead Besse's, while Chris Herrick had two singles for Rax.

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LITTLE LEAGUE: The Italian-American Club, East Side Pizza and Burger King posted opening-day victories in the South Little League Sunday at Deming Field.

Winning pitcher Kevin Boyle had 14 strikeouts and helped his own cause with a pair of singles as the Italian-American Club downed Virgilio's 9-1. Bill Quadrozzi had a pair of hits for Virgilio's.

In other action, Brandon Krupka had a single, double and triple and Steve Litsler banged out three hits as East Side rolled to a 17-1 win over Stevenson Insurance. Eddie Sherman was the winning pitcher.

Matt McCusker had a single and two doubles and Matt Touhey picked up the mound win as Burger King edged City Savings Bank 9-8. Steve Sykes had three hits to lead the Bankers.

MAY 17 1984

LITTLE LEAGUE: Scott Taylor had a triple and two singles and Brian Kellar picked up the pitching win as the Pittsfield Pipers downed GE Credit Union 15-2 in the Pittsfield East Little League. Jeff Russo and Chris Knutson each added a triple and a single for the Pipers, while Shaun Kirby had two hits for the Credit Union.

Brian Lefaise had a double, triple and two singles and Taylor added two singles and a double as the Pipers also breezed to an 18-7 triumph over Rax. Lefaise also hurled three innings of one-hit ball to pick up the mound win.

In other East League action, Gary Traversa and Joel Bongini each had a single and a triple to pace Besse-Clarke to a 7-6 win over Moldmaster. Peter Lalor had a single and a double for Moldmaster. Randy Bonito was the winning pitcher.

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LITTLE LEAGUE: Winning pitcher Scott Taylor helped his own cause with four singles as the Pittsfield Pipers rolled to a 17-0 triumph over the GE Employees' Credit Union in Pittsfield East Little League play at the Benedict Road field.

Ross Kunzman and Jeff Russo also boosted the Pipers, each banging out a single and a double.

In other East action, Randy Bonito pitched a three-hit shutout as Besse-Clarke downed Rax Restaurants 6-0. Shaun Ladley, David Viale and Scott Perkins sparked Besse's attack with two hits apiece.

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two hits for Connor.

Greenlaw got the win and Chris Sinopoli, Shaun Quinlan, Tim Cronin and Mike Deitlan had two hits each in Connor's win. Chris Ardia and Eric Reddington had two hits apiece for Civitan.

Winning pitcher J.R. Rand had four hits and three RBI for Jimmy's, while Fradkin had three hits for Itam. And Chris Ardia pitched a one-hitter and Danny Lay went 4-for-4 in Civitan's win. Rand had Civitan's only hit, a double.

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LITTLE LEAGUE: Shaun Aitken bested Rich Manning in a tight pitchers' duel as Quality Printing nipped the Police Department 1-0 Sunday in opening-day action at the Pittsfield North Little League.

Each pitcher hurled a two-hitter and struck out 13, with Quality scoring on a fourth-inning double by Tim Keefner and a pair of passed balls.

In other North action, Joe Gaudette struck out 11 as Colt Insurance edged Dave's Sporting Goods 3-2. Kolin Kozlowski hurled a two-hitter despite taking the loss for Dave's.

Winning pitcher Scott Halkowicz struck out eight and Mike Wilk had a pair of hits as the Fire Department downed the Elks 6-2.

In the South League, David Moon had two hits and Mike Somerville was the winning pitcher as Teo's outlasted Tank Shop 8-7, while winning hurler Mark Maniatis helped his own cause with a pair of hits and Bill Quadrozzi had two singles as Virgilio's topped Evergreen Realty 6-5.

Shaun Dwyer and Kevin Boyle had two hits each and Shaun Albert was the winning pitcher as the Italian-American Club downed Stevenson Insurance 5-2, while Brandon Krupka tossed a shutout as East Side Pizza blanked City Savings Bank 2-0.

In the West League, Norm's Variety posted two recent wins, 17-16 over Itam and 9-7 over Friendly Ice Cream. Winning pitcher Dennis Shaw had four hits and Kevin Ross three in the win over Itam, while Steve Fradkin and Steve Mendel had four each for Itam. Matt Vanesse pitched a five-hitter and Mike Martino had three hits and five RBI in the win over Friendly. Andy Miller had two hits for Friendly.

In other games, Friendly beat Connor Pharmacy 10-3, Connor beat Civitan 14-4, Jimmy's restaurant beat Itam 17-4 and Civitan topped Jimmy's 8-1.

Tim Shaughnessy pitched a four-hitter and belted a home run, while Greg Dugay had three hits to lead Friendly's win. Andy Greenlaw had

* * * * * **LITTLE LEAGUE:** Several close games featured play in the North Little League last week, as the Fire Department edged Dave's Sporting Goods 4-3 in seven innings, Quality Printing got by the Elks 7-4 and the Police Department nipped Colt Insurance 6-4.

Jim Roberts got the win for the Fire Department, despite a combined one-hit effort by three Dave's hurlers. Kolin Kozlowski had two doubles and a single in a losing effort.

Mark Ferdyn had three hits, Cliff Harris had two and Ray Butler got the win for Quality, while Paul Mullett took the loss.

Chris Riello, Bob Rosier and winning pitcher Josh Tobin each had two hits in the Police victory. Losing pitcher Neil Sprague had two hits for Colt.

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King 10-0.

Jonathan Sawyer had four singles and a double in Tank Shop's win, with Scott Schultz adding two hits and Cliff Bronk picking up the win. Chris Diehl homered and Jeff Coco had two hits for Evergreen. Pete Montesanti had two hits and Bill Quadrozzi was the winner for Virgilio's. Billy Dugan tripled for CSB. Winning pitcher Diehl hit three singles, Mark Martello had two doubles and Chris Mastrodicasa hit two singles in Evergreen's win.

LITTLE LEAGUE: Winning pitcher Scott Perkins struck out nine in three innings and Gary Traversa had three hits as Besse-Clarke downed GE Credit Union 11-9 in East Little League action at the Benedict Road field. Glenn Hall and John Hodgkins had two hits apiece for the Creditors.

In other East play, Todd Beals and Chris Herrick combined on a four-hitter as Rax edged GE Credit Union 2-1. Hodgkins had three of the Credit Union hits, while Shaun Kirby struck out 10 for GE in a route-going mound effort despite taking the loss.

Kris Knutson, Jeff Russo and Ross Kunzman had three hits each as the Pittsfield Pipers downed Moldmaster 16-6. Scott Taylor was the winning pitcher. Peter Lalar and Chad Smith had two hits each for Moldmaster.

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Youth baseball roundup

Cronin has two-hitter for Connor

Tim Cronin pitched a two-hit shut-out to lead Connor Pharmacy to one of its two recent victories in the West Little League.

Cronin allowed only first-inning singles to Kevin Ross and Brian Taylor, and Andy Greenlaw backed Cronin's pitching with two hits and three RBI to lead Connor to a 16-0 win over Norm's Variety. Connor also beat Itam 7-4, as Shaun Quinlan pitched the win and Greenlaw had a triple and single. For Itam, Corie Salvie, Steve Fradkin and Connally Gadson had two hits each.

Jimmy's also won twice, with J.R. Rand and Tommy Harper sharing the pitching in both a 12-8 victory over Friendly Ice Cream in eight innings and an 11-2 win over Norm's. Brothers Scott and Ryan Wendling had RBI singles in the big eighth inning, and Harper had two hits in the win over Friendly. Tim Shaughnessy and Jay Boland had two hits each for Friendly. Harper had a double and triple and drove in two runs in the win over Norm's. Matt Vanesse had two of Norm's four hits.

Friendly also posted a 6-4 win over Civitan, with Shaughnessy, Andy Miller and Dan Wlodkowski each getting two hits, and Miller and Dave Filipi combining for the pitching win. For Civitan, Eric Reddington had three hits and Chris Ardia struck out 12 in a hard-luck pitching loss.

East Little League

Gary Traversa doubled and singled twice to lead Besse-Clarke to a 16-5 victory over G.E. Credit Union. Winning pitcher Joe Botz struck out seven and scattered five hits in six innings of work.

Tom Dawley and John Hodgkins had two hits apiece and losing

pitcher Marc Chenail doubled for Credit Union.

Kris Knutson doubled and singled three times and Scott Taylor belted a triple as the Pittsfield Pipers routed Moldmaster 18-5. Brian Lefaise got the pitching decision over Peter Lalor. John Noonan doubled for Moldmaster.

David Apple doubled and singled and Marc Tropeano scattered six hits in Rax's Restaurant's 14-8 win over Moldmaster. Todd Beals added a double for the winners while Steve Yuill had three singles for Moldmaster. Charles Groat was tagged with the loss.

Chad Smith tripled and Steve Yuill doubled in Moldmaster's 5-4 victory over G.E. Credit Union. Tommy Dawley had two hits for the losers.

Shaun Kirby got the decision over John Noonan, although Noonan and Peter Lalor combined to fan 13 batters.

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South Little League

Eastside Pizza posted two recent victories, one the hard way with a tight 2-1 win over Evergreen Realty and one the easy way with a 21-6 romp over Burger King.

Winning pitcher Eddie Sherman struck out 11 and Mike Mazzeo drove in two runs in the win over Evergreen, which got two hits from Jeff Coco. Against Burger King, Mazzeo got the win, Sherman belted a homer and two singles and Bob Barzotini added three hits. For Burger King, Matt George hit a home run and Matt McCusker had three hits.

Rob Meddaugh had a triple and two doubles to lead Stevenson to a 16-13 win over the Tank Shop. Jason Valenti had a double and single and Dave Harte was the winning pitcher. Scott Schultz had two hits for Tank Shop.

Adam Cohn and winning pitcher Mark Maniatis each had two hits to lead Virgilio's to a 9-6 win over Burger King. B.J. Pritchard

Winning pitcher Mike Sommerville had a double and triple and Rob Eckhart added a single and double to lift Teo's past Italian American Club 8-1. Chris Speranzo had a single and double for IAC.

Chuk had two singles and a double to lead Johnson, while Garrett Politis had a single and two doubles in a losing cause for Jimmy's.

North Little League

Winning pitcher Shaun Aitken struck out 12 and Bob Garceau had three hits to lead Quality Printing to a 9-7 win over the Fire Department. Mike Murray, Jim Keefner, Dale Danylin and Roy Butler each had two hits for the winners. Mike Wilk had three hits, including a grand slam, for the Fire Department.

Mike Brookman had three hits, including two homers, to lead Elks to a 14-7 win over Colt Insurance. Dan Roy was the winning pitcher. For Colt, Scott Gaudette took the loss and Brigh Bordeau had three hits.

Mike Tierney struck out 12 batters and joined Keith Ferris, Kollis Kozlowski and Pete Amuso with two hits each to lift Dave's Driving School to a 20-6 win over the Police Department. Josh Tobin took the loss.

Adam Cohn and winning pitcher Mark Maniatis each had two hits to lead Virgilio's to a 9-6 win over Burger King. B.J. Pritchard

Winning pitcher Mike Sommerville had a double and triple and Rob Eckhart added a single and double to lift Teo's past Italian American Club 8-1. Chris Speranzo had a single and double for IAC.

Chris Speranzo doubled and singled and winning pitcher Sean Sultaire and Kevin Boyle each singled twice to pace the Italian American Club to a narrow 9-8 decision over Burger King. Matt McCusker rapped three singles and B.J. Pritchard doubled for the losers.

Chris Roussin pitched Teo's to a 3-2 victory over Evergreen. Kevin

Rayner knocked in two runs and Matt Blake and Dave Moon each had a single for Teo's. Mark Martello tripled for Evergreen.

Winning pitcher Steve Sykes and Paul Callahan collected three singles apiece in City Savings Bank's 12-4 triumph over Stevensons. Jim Wood tripled and doubled and Darin McKin singled twice for the winners. Jason Valenti doubled for Stevensons.

West Little League

Itam picked up two victories, nipping Connor Pharmacy 5-4 and downing Norm's Variety 7-5.

Brian Perdeau and Steve Barzowsky had two hits apiece in support of winning pitcher Corie Salvie. Shaun Quinlan and Tim Cronin doubled for Connor.

Winning pitcher Steve Fradkin stroked three hits and drove in three runs in Itam's win over Norm's Variety. Kevin Ross chipped in with two hits while Tony Eaton and Mike Martino doubled for Norm's.

J.R. Rand struck out 15 batters and gave up just two hits as Jimmy's Restaurant flattened Civitan 15-1. Rand also had two doubles and a single and teammate Peter Garivaltis tripled twice and singled. An RBI single by Brian Griffin and a single by Jay Hurley were the only hits off Rand.

Tim Shaughnessy picked up the victory as Friendly's Ice Cream slipped past Connor Pharmacy 10-9. Jay Boland had two hits for the winners while Andy Greenlaw knocked in two runs with three hits for Connor.

North Little League

Quality Printing and the Elks both posted two recent victories in North Little League action.

For Quality Printing, Shaun Aitken fired a two-hitter in a 3-0 win over Dave's Sporting Goods, and Jim Keefner belted a bases-loaded single in the seventh inning to bring home a 4-3 win over the Police Department.

Mark Ferdyn and Cliff Harris each had two hits in the first win, and Dave's Kollin Kozlowski struck out 11 in a tough loss. Jeremy Squires got the extra-inning win, and Rich Manning struck out 15 in

East Little League

In East Little League action, Scott Taylor hurled five innings of one-hit ball to pick up the win and Brian Lefaise knocked in four runs with two doubles and a single as the Pittsfield Pipers routed Rax Restaurants 13-6.

Winning pitcher Scott Perkins hurled three innings of no-hit ball and Dave Viale had a pair of singles as Besse-Clarke downed Moldmaster 9-4, while Chris Herrick ripped a triple and two singles and Todd Beals tossed no-hit, no-run ball for three innings as Rax scored a

14-3 win over the GE Employees' Credit Union.

Lefaise was the winning pitcher and Scott Miles had an RBI double, leading Pittsfield Pipers to a narrow 4-3 win over Besse-Clarke. Losing pitcher Perkins had a double

and two RBI for Besse's.

Lefaise, Brian Kellar and Ross Kunzman each had a single and a double as the Pipers also defeated Rax 13-9. Mike Woitkowski and winning pitcher Taylor also helped the Pipers' cause with two singles apiece.

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South Little League

Rob Eckhart had two singles and a double and Chris Roussin added a pair of hits as Teo's outlasted City Savings Bank 17-10 in a South Little League slugfest. Steve Sykes had a single, triple and two RBI for the Bankers.

In other South action, Paul Callahan had four singles and Jim Wood added a double and a triple, boosting City Savings to a 12-4 victory over Stevenson's, while Roussin outdueled Mark Martello in a good pitchers' match-up as Teo's nipped Evergreen Realty 3-2.

six innings for the Police.

The Elks beat the Police 8-3 and Dave's 10-7. Paul Mullett got the win and losing pitcher Josh Tobin had three hits in the game with the Police. Mike Brookman belted a homer and double and Dan Roy got the win over Dave's. Keith Ferris, Brandon Ferris, Kozlowski and losing pitcher Mike Tierney all had two hits for Dave's.

In another wild game, the Fire Department edged Colt Insurance 19-17, as Mike Wilk belted two homers and two singles and Paul Down had three hits for the winners. Scott Halkowicz got the win. For Colt, Dom Giardina, Brian Bordeau and losing pitcher Neil Sprague each had three hits.

South Little League

Eastside picked up two victories, besting Tank Shop 11-3 and defeating Virgilio's 10-2.

Winning pitcher Brandon Krupka and Eric Zopf each had four RBI with a homer and single apiece and Mike Mazzeo pitched in with a double and three singles. Eddie Sherman also had three hits for the winners.

Scott Schultz doubled and singled and Nick Mangipone singled for Tank Shop.

Sherman and Denny Pelletier each had two doubles in Eastside's win over Virgilio's. Bob Patterson had a double for Virgilio's off winning hurler Sherman.

Jonathan Edwards doubled and singled twice and Eric Blanchard and Pete Monegan had three singles apiece in Virgilio's 20-3 rout of Stevenson's Insurance.

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South Little League

Teo's Restaurant crushed Virgilio's 15-2 to win the first-half championship with a perfect 8-0 record.

Mike Somerville had four hits, including a double, Rob Eckhart doubled and singled and Richie Premerlani singled twice to back winning pitcher Chris Roussin. Bill Quadrozzi singled twice for Virgilio's.

Cliff Bronk and Dave Donovan stroked two singles apiece and Donovan and Scott Schultz combined to hold Burger King to one run in Tank Shop's 4-1 victory. Marc Carnevale doubled for the losers.

The Italian-American Club nipped City Savings Bank 3-2 behind the pitching of Kevin Boyle. Paul Callahan tripled, doubled and singled and Chris Morse had two singles for CSB.

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South Little League

In the South Little League, Dave Donovan had four singles and Neil Roberts banged out a single and double as Tank Shop downed City Savings Bank 13-5. Cliff Bronk was the winning pitcher. Steve Sykes had three hits for City Savings.

In other South action, Jeff Coco had three singles and Chris Diehl banged out a single and double, leading Evergreen Realty to a 15-11 triumph over the Italian-American Club. Mike Filiault picked up the pitching win. Chris Speranzo belted a three-run homer for the Italian-American Club.

C.W. Kerr knocked in three runs with a pair of singles and Jason Valenti added two singles and a double as Stevenson's Insurance posted a 9-6 triumph over Burger King. Denny Garner got credit for the pitching win, while Billy Chilton had three singles and Scott Ziter contributed a single and double for Burger King.

Chris Speranzo had a single and a double and Kevin Boyle added a pair of hits as the Italian-American Club edged Burger King 9-8. Matt McCusker had three hits for Burger King. Shaun Sultaire was the winning pitcher.

Winning pitcher Brandon Krupka racked up 13 strikeouts and Dennis Pelletier had a single and a double, leading East Side Pizza to a 12-3 triumph over Italian-American, while Jonathan Edwards was the winning pitcher and Bill Quadrozzi had a pair of hits as Virgilio's Construction nipped Tank Shop 4-3. Neil Roberts had three singles and Dave Donovan had a pair of doubles for the Tank Shop.

Chris Diehl had a single and a double and Chris Mastrodicasa got credit for the mound win as Evergreen eked out a 4-3 triumph over Stevenson's Insurance. Dave Harte had two singles and Jason Valenti added a single and a double for Stevenson's.

North Little League

In North Little League play at the Brown Street field, Kolin Kozlowski and Larry Cobb banged out three hits each and Brandon Ferris was the winning pitcher as Dave's Sporting Goods outslugged Colt Insurance 14-11. Neil Sprague and John Kennedy had three hits each for the Colts.

In other action, winning pitcher Mike Brookman helped his own cause with three hits — two of them home runs — as the Elks whipped the Fire Department 15-9. Mike Wilk had two hits including a homer for the Firemen.

John Lander picked up the pitching win and Cliff Harris banged out three hits as Quality Printing edged Colt Insurance by a 9-8 count. Kennedy had two hits including a homer and Steve Poneck had three hits for Colt.

Keith Van Bramer banged out three hits and Jeff Wilson was the winning hurler as the Fire Department blasted the Police Department 17-1, while Kozlowski had three hits and Ferris and Pete Amuso added two each as Dave's edged Fire Department 6-5. Mike Tierney was the winning pitcher in that contest.

Chris Groves and Scott Turner each had three hits and Allan Wacker was the winning pitcher as the Police topped Colt Insurance 10-8 in seven innings. Sprague had three hits and Poneck two for Colt.

West Little League

In the West League, Friendly's Restaurants had its hitting shoes on in a pair of games, hammering out a 25-10 win over Norm's Variety and a 22-3 triumph over Itam.

Tim Shaughnessy had two doubles, a single and a triple for Friendly's in its win over Itam, while Andy Miller and Greg Duguay combined for eight hits and nine RBI in the game with Norm's. Miller was the winning pitcher against Itam, with Dave Filippi picking up

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the victory over Norm's.

In other West play, winning pitcher Chris Ardia helped his own cause with three hits and Scott Sykes added a pair of hits as Civitan outlasted Connor Pharmacy 8-5. Jason Goldsmith and Tom Cronin had two hits apiece for Connor's.

Peter Garivaltis picked up the pitching win and added a pair of hits as Jimmy's Restaurant nipped Itam 6-5. Corie Salvi and Connelly Gadson had two hits apiece for Itam.

A triple by J.R. Rand and a subsequent single by Tommy Harper in the eighth inning enabled Jimmy's to nip Connor Pharmacy 9-8. Garivaltis had three hits for Jimmy's, with Kenny Rodel picking up the mound win. Shaun Quinlan had three hits and Cronin belted a homer for Connor's.

Winning pitcher Matt Vanasse racked up 11 strikeouts and Mike Martino had three hits as Norm's downed Civitan 9-7. Erik Reddington had a pair of hits for Civitan.

Steve Fradkin earned the mound win and Kevin Codey had a pair of hits as Itam topped Civitan 6-3, while eighth-inning singles by Reddington and Jimmy Clark helped Civitan top a 13-12 triumph over Itam. Chris Ardia added two hits in that game for Civitan. Steve Mendel had a trio of hits for Itam.

Andy Greenlaw had a pair of hits and Cronin was the winning pitcher as Connor Pharmacy nipped Jimmy's 5-4. Garivaltis and Rodel each had a pair of hits for Jimmy's.

Finish as first-half champions with a record of 10-0. Piper pitchers Kellar and Brian Lefave combined for 14 strikeouts.

In other East action, Chad Smith had three singles and a double and winning pitcher Pete Lalor tossed four innings of no-hit ball as Moldmaster rolled to a 19-0 win over GE Credit Union. Lalor, who struck out seven, also helped his own cause with two doubles and a single.

A triple by Marc Trapeano and a double by Scott Delisle helped lift Rax Restaurants to a 6-3 victory over GE Credit Union. Todd Beals was the winning pitcher.

John Noonan struck out nine and allowed just one hit in five innings as Moldmaster downed Besse-Clarke 6-2.

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East Little League

In Pittsfield East Little League action, Brian Kellar picked up the pitching win and Kris Knutson contributed a pair of hits as Pittsfield Pipers downed Besse-Clarke 7-4 to

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Quality Printing wins twice in North LL

Quality Printing won twice in recent North Little League action, nipping Colt Insurance 8-7 and routing the Elks 9-3.

Jamie Danylin's bases-loaded double drove in the winning runs in Quality's victory over Colt. John Monahan and Jim Keefner each had two hits in support of winning pitcher Jeremy Squires. Neil Sprague and Brian Bordeau each had two hits for Colt. Scott Gaudette took the loss.

Keefner had three hits, including a homer, and Squires added three safeties in Quality's triumph over the Elks. Keith Poopor collected two hits for the Elks. Ray Butler got the decision over Don Roy.

In two other North Little League games, Police downed Fire Department 10-5 and Dave's Sporting Goods bested the Elks 8-2. Scott Turner had three hits and Mike McHugh and winning pitcher Rick Manning two apiece for Police. Scott Halkowitz and Rob Porter each had two hits for Fire Department and Porter and Mike Wilk hammered homers. Tim Roberts took the defeat.

Kolin Kozlowski fanned 13 batters in pitching Dave's past the Elks. Brandon Ferris had three hits and Tony Hoisington two for the winners. Mike Brookman took the loss.

Youth baseball roundup**Shaughnessy sparks Friendly's**

Tim Shaughnessy banged out three doubles, went 4-for-4 and had five RBI in recent Pittsfield West Little League action as his Friendly Restaurants team outslugged Civitan 18-12.

Billy Ahern was the winning pitcher, and Chad Baumann had three hits and Chris Ardia homered for Civitan.

In other West play, winning pitcher Dennis Shaw and Kevin Ross had two hits each, leading Norm's Variety to a 5-3 triumph over Jimmy's Restaurant, while Andy Miller picked up the pitching win and led his team's attack with three hits and six RBI as Friendly's also defeated Itam 18-3. Corie Salvi homered for Itam.

Mike Puia was the winning pitcher and Mike Dietlin had a pair of hits as Connor Pharmacy scored a 14-7 triumph over Norm's Variety. J.R. Rand picked up the mound win and Pete Garivaltis and Matt Webster had two hits each as Jimmy's posted a 9-7 triumph over Itam.

Salvi pitched a three-hit shutout and Connelly Gadson had two hits as Itam blanked Norm's Variety 5-0, while Shaughnessy hurled a five-hitter and struck out 12 as Friendly's downed Jimmy's by a 13-2 count. Ahern, Miller and Ryan Shea had three hits each for the Friendly, which clinched the first-half championship with the win.

Youth baseball roundup**Quality wins 1st-half LL title**

Quality Printing captured the first-half championship in the Pittsfield North Little League by posting a record of 9-1. Dave's Sporting Goods and the Elks finished in a tie for second with identical records of 6-4.

Shaun Aitken had two hits including a home run and Ray Butler picked up the pitching win as Quality Printing downed the Fire Department 8-2 in recent action.

Dave's Sporting Goods, however, then handed the Printers their first loss of the season, beating Quality by an 11-5 count as Kollin Kozlowski picked up the mound win and Mike Tierney had three hits including a homer.

In other North action, Mik Brunell had three hits and winning pitcher Brandon Ferris added a pair of safeties as Dave's edged Police Department 9-6 in seven innings, while Mike Brookman had two hits and Dan Roy was the mound winner as the Elks rolled to a 21-11 win over Colt Insurance.

Winning pitcher Keith Poopor helped his own cause with a pair of hits as the Elks also downed the Police by a 10-8 count. Rich Manning, Josh Tobin and Chris Riello had two hits apiece for the Policemen.

Dom Giardina had five hits while Neil Sprague and Shaun Wiegand added four each as Colt outslugged Fire Department 24-15. Colt won the game by breaking a 15-15 deadlock with a nine-run eighth inning.

Ken VanBramer had three hits and Mike Wick had two including a homer for the Firemen.

over Fahey. Eddie Court blasted three homers, Keith Hodge homered and Billy Lander singled twice for Fahey.

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East Little League

Brian Kellar surrendered just two hits, struck out eight batters, and banged a double and a single in the

Pittsfield Pipers' 6-2 victory over Rax's Restaurant. Chris Herrick doubled in support of losing pitcher Todd Beals.

Winning hurler Scott Perkins had two singles in Besse-Clarke's narrow 7-6 decision over Moldmaster. Pete Lalor doubled and singled and Steve Yuill singled twice for Moldmaster.

South Little League

Norm's Variety picked up two victories, downing Friendly's Ice Cream 19-10 and besting Connor Pharmacy 13-7.

Kevin Ross rapped four hits and Mike Martino three in Norm's win over Friendly's. Tim Shaughnessy paced Friendly's with three safeties. Winning pitcher Dennis Shaw had two hits in Norm's Variety's victory over Connor. Jason Goldsmith, Shaun Quinlan and Jamie Greenlaw each had two hits for Connor.

Shaun Quinlan had two hits as Jamie Greenlaw pitched Connor Pharmacy to 5-3 decision over Civitan. Chris Ardia had two hits, including a homer, and Scott Sykes

added two more safeties for the losers.

Peter Garivaltis and Kenny Rodel combined to pitch Jimmy's Restaurant past Civitan 14-8. Garivaltis and J.R. Rand had three hits each for Jimmy's while Chad Baumann collected three hits and Chris Ardia banged his third home run of the season for Civitan.

Greg Dugay's three hits helped Friendly's squeeze past Connor Pharmacy 12-10. Tim Shaughnessy picked up the win. Andy Greenlaw had three hits and Shaun Quinlan and Terry Bishop two apiece for Connor.

South Little League

Chris Duke knocked in six runs with three hits as Evergreen posted a 16-7 decision over Virgilio's. Eric Vinclette backed winning pitcher Mike Filialt with two hits. Jon Edwards had two hits for Virgilio's.

Dave Harte, Steve Nesbit, Jason Valenti and Rob Meddaugh singled in support of winning pitcher Denny Garner as Stevenson's edged Itam 5-4. Chris Speranzo, Brian Dwyer had three hits apiece and Billy Duda contributed two.

Billy Dugan doubled and singled and Paul Callahan and Steve Sykes combined to pitch City Savings Bank past Tank Shop 5-3. Sykes and Callahan singled for Savings Bank. Jonathan Sawyer doubled and singled, Nick Mangipane doubled and Cliff Bronk singled for Tank Shop.

South Little League

Pitcher Mike Somerville helped his own cause with a two-run double and Matt Blake added a two-run single as Teo's defeated Tank Shop 7-4 in the South Little League. Dave Donovan had a single and a double for the Tank Shop.

In other South action, Brendan Collins had two doubles and a single and Eric Zopf added three singles to pave East Side Pizza to an 18-6 romp over Virgilio's Construction. Jonathan Edwards had a pair of hits for East Side.

Danny Garner singled in the winning run and Dave Harte picked up the mound win as Stevenson Insurance edged Evergreen Realty by a 5-4 count. Mark Martello cracked a home run for the Realtors.

Winning pitcher Eddie Sherman racked up 11 strikeouts and Zopf had two doubles and a pair of RBI as East Side blanked Tank Shop 4-0.

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aled and Scott Schultz rapped three singles to help Tank Shop defeat Burger King 12-7. Scott Ziter and Marc Carnavale collected two hits apiece for Burger King. Nick Mangipane got the victory.

Steve Sykes had two hits and Paul Callahan one in City Savings Bank's 7-3 win over Stevenson's. Jason Valenti singled twice and Rob Meddaugh doubled for the losers.

Matt Touhey pitched Burger King to a 5-1 win over Evergreen. Matt McCusker tripled and singled and Marc Carnavale doubled and singled for Burger King while Chris Mastrodicasa doubled and singled twice for Evergreen.

West Little League

J.R. Rand gave up just one hit and struck out 11 to pace Jimmy's restaurant to a 21-6 decision over Friendly's Ice Cream.

Scott Wendling totaled four hits and Rand and Peter Garivaltis had three each for Jimmy's. Jamieson Pellitteri had Friendly's only safety.

Jimmy Clark doubled and singled to back winning pitcher Chris Ardia in Civitan's 3-2 win over Itam. Losing pitcher Steve Franklin had two hits.

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The additional players are Scott Sykes of Civitan, Kenny Rodel of Jimmy's and Greg Dugay of Friendly's.

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West Little League

Jamie Greenlaw went 4-for-4 and Mike Puia picked up the pitching win as Connor Pharmacy downed Civitan 12-5 in West Little League action. Eric Reddington had a triple and two doubles for Civitan.

In other West League action, winning pitcher J.R. Rand struck out 10 and helped his own cause with a pair of doubles as Jimmy's Restaurant topped Civitan by a 6-2 count. Scott Wendling and Tommy Harper added two hits each for Jimmy's while Chris Ardia had a home run for Civitan.

Winning pitcher Billy Ahern and Jay Boland had two hits each to lead Friendly Restaurants to a 13-3 triumph over Connor Pharmacy.

The West League has also added three players to its all-star team.

West Little League

Tim Shaughnessy tossed a no-hitter in Friendly Ice Cream's 14-5 victory over Civitan, highlighting last week's West Little League action. Shaughnessy struck out 13 in five innings. Billy Ahern, Jamieon Pelleter and Dan Wlodkowski helped out with two hits each for the winners.

Friendly got another strong pitching performance Monday from Andy Miller. He allowed just three hits in Friendly's 9-1 triumph over Itam. Ahern and Jay Boland pounded out two hits each for the winners. Connelly Gadson, Steve Fradkin and Steve Mendel had Itam's only hits.

In other West Little League action, Jason Goldsmith delivered a two-run single in the bottom of the sixth inning to lift Connor Pharmacy to a 5-4 victory over Itam. Andy Greenlaw chipped in with two doubles. Jamie Greenlaw was the winning pitcher. Steve Bazousky and Fradkin lined two hits each for Itam.

Peter Garivaltis struck out 12 in pitching Jimmy's Restaurant to a 10-2 victory over Norm's Variety. Scott Wendling led the winners with two hits. Kevin Ross had two hits

for Norm's.

The West Little League has announced its all-star squad. Team members are: Chris Ardia and Eric Reddington of Civitan; Greenlaw and Shaun Quinlan of Connor; Boland, Shaughnessy and Miller of Friendly; Fradkin and Corie Salvi of Itam; Garivaltis, Tom Harper and J.R. Rand of Jimmy's and Ross and Dennis Shaw of Norm's.

East Little League

Kris Knutson came through with two game winning hits in Pittsfield Pipers' 3-2 victory over Moldmaster and 3-2 win over Besse-Clarke last week in East Little League action.

Knutson doubled in the winning run in the triumph over Moldmaster. Winning pitcher Brian Lefave struck out five in three innings and helped his own cause with a triple and two singles. Danny Jones paced Moldmaster with two hits. Pete Lalor suffered the pitching defeat, striking out five and surrendering six hits in six innings.

Knutson knocked in the winning run in the win over Besse-Clarke. Scott Taylor accounted for the other two runs with a home run. Joe Botz led Besse-Clarke with a triple and a single. Lefave earned the pitching

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Youth baseball roundup**All-stars lift Colt to two victories**

North Little League All-Stars Scott Gaudette and Neil Sprague hurled Colt Insurance to victories last week in North Little League baseball action.

Sprague was the winning pitcher in Colt's 11-8 triumph over Dave's Sporting Goods and helped his own cause with two hits. Gaudette backed him up with three hits. Kolin Kozlowski belted a three-run homer for Dave's.

Gaudette notched the pitching win in Colt's 6-1 victory over the Police Department. Sprague helped out with three hits. Rich Manning had two hits for Police.

Manning and Kozlowski join Sprague and Gaudette on the North Little League All-Star team, which will be coached by Police Department's Joe Penna and Colt's Dan Giardina. Other team members include Shaun Weigand of Colt, Josh Tobin of the Police Department, Mike Brookman of Elks, Mike Tierney and Brandon Ferris of Dave's, Mike Wilk and Ken Van Bramer of the Fire Department and Shaun Aitken, Mike Murray and Jim Keefner of Quality Printing.

Keefner blasted a grand slam home run in Quality's 20-4 win over Elks. Jamie Danylin and winning pitcher Jeremy Squires ripped three hits each and Cliff Harris added another two.

Quality also routed the Police Department 21-9, with Harris smash-

ing four hits and Keefner and John Monahan adding three each in support of winning pitcher Ray Butler. Tobin had three hits and Eric Gates added two for the losers.

Elks scored a 7-3 win over the Fire Department powered by Tim Beuth's bases-loaded triple. Keith Pooper was the winning pitcher. Jeff Wilson had two hits for Fire Department.

Wilson pitched the Fire Department to a 16-10 victory over Dave's. Wilk and Van Bramer clouted home runs for the winners. Wilk paced Fire Department with four hits and Van Bramer and Scott Halkowicz had two each. Kozlowski homered for Dave's.

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Moldmaster won twice, downing the G.E. Credit Union 8-2 and blanking Rax's Restaurant 6-0.

John Noonan gave up two hits, walked just one, and fanned 14 over six innings to lead Moldmaster past the Credit Union. Chad Smith led the offense with a double, single and five runs-batted-in and Steve Yuill and Chuck Groat each had two singles. Shaun Kirby and losing pitcher Marc Chenail had singles for Credit Union.

Steve Yuill pitched Moldmaster past Rax's. Pete Lalor doubled for the winners while Brian Bradway had the lone safety for Rax's.

Winning pitcher Brian Kellar and Brian Lefaise combined to fan 11 batters in the Pittsfield Pipes' narrow 5-4 win over Moldmaster. Kellar and Lefaise each doubled while losing pitcher Pete Lalor also doubled.

David Apple doubled and singled twice to pace Rax's over Credit Union 8-5. Brian Bradway contributed two singles for the winners while John Hodgkins singled three times and Tom Dawley doubled and singled for Credit Union. Todd Beals got the victory and Dawley the defeat.

Scott Perkins hit for the cycle in Besse-Clarke's 12-2 pounding of the G.E. Credit Union. Gary Traversa fanned 11 batters and surrendered singles to Shaun Kirby and John Hodgkins in registering the victory. Kirby took the loss.

North Little League

Mike Conuel smashed a three-run homer to boost Elks to a 14-8 triumph over Police Department in North Little action. Winning pitcher Dan Roy had two hits, while Josh Tobin paced Police with three hits.

In other action, Elks dropped a close 4-3 decision to Colt Insurance. Scott Gaudette hurled Colt to victory, with Neil Sprague backing him with two hits. Mike Brookman cracked a two-run homer for Elks.

Colt trimmed Fire Department 13-10, with Gaudette again pitching the squad to the win. Shaun Weigand led Colt with three hits. Fire's Mike Wilk had three hits, including a home run.

Wilk and teammate Jeff Wilson had two hits apiece in their team's 9-7 loss to Police Department. Tobin led the winners with two hits. Rich Manning was the winning pitcher.

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Youth baseball roundup**Virgilio's notches two victories**

Virgilio's won twice in the South Little League, defeating the Italian American Club 7-0 and edging Stevenson 9-8.

Mark Maniati hurled the shutout in Virgilio's victory over Itam. Jonathan Edwards doubled and Pete Montesanti singled for the winners while Shaun Albert singled twice for Itam.

Winning pitcher Bill Quadrozzi singled twice and Jennifer Maloney doubled to pace Virgilio's past Stevenson. Dave Hart doubled and singled and Rob Meddaugh doubled for the losers.

City Savings Bank blanked Burger King 8-0 behind the shutout pitching of Steve Sykes. Sykes, Paul Callahan and Mark Dolfis each had singles for the winners. Billy Chilton singled three times for Burger King.

Kevin Boyle and Billy Duda combined for the pitching victory as Itam edged Tank Shop 7-6. Anthony Segala singled three times and Carl Bowlby singled and drove in two runs for the victors while Dave Donovan and Jonathan Sawyer each had a two-bagger for Tank Shop.

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Youth baseball

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Little League games reslated for tonight

Yesterday's rain caused wet grounds that forced postponement of all four quarterfinal games in the Berkshire County Little League all-star baseball tournament.

All four games have been rescheduled for tonight at 6, with Adams at Pittsfield North, Pittsfield South at Great Barrington, Lee at Pittsfield West and Williamstown at Dalton-Hinsdale. The winners advance to the semifinal round tomorrow. Tomorrow's winners play for the county championship Monday.

Babe Ruth League

Paul Lesage singled home the winning run to snap a 5-5 tie and lead Adams Supermarket to a 6-5 Babe Ruth League win over VFW at Reid Junior High. Scott McCann got the win and Steve Huska had two hits for Adams.

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For VFW, which had tied the game in the seventh inning, Mark Sinopoli had two hits and Barry Moynihan took the loss.

Youth baseball roundup

JUL 16 1984

Wick's slam lifts firemen

Mike Wick belted a grand slam home run and Ken Van Bramer added a pair of hits as the Fire Department outslugged the Elks 17-13 in recent Pittsfield North Little League action.

Mike Brookman had three hits for the Elks, two of them home runs in the fifth inning.

In other North Little League action, Ray Butler and Cliff Squires combined to throw a two-hitter as Quality Printing posted a 10-3 win over the Police Department. Shaun Aitken had three hits and Squires added two for the printers, while Chris Riello and Joe Walker had the lone hits for the police.

Butler also picked up the pitching win as Quality downed Dave's Sporting Goods 20-7. Jim Keefner had a home run in that game for Quality, while Bruce Kruczowski, Dave Danylin, Aitken and Jeremy Harris also helped the printers' attack with two hits apiece.

Winning pitcher Joe Walker helped his own cause with three hits as the police outlasted Dave's 14-8. Kolin Kozlowski had three hits, including a three-run homer, to lead

Dave's.

Dave's Sporting Goods, however, came back to score an exciting 17-16, seven-inning win over Colt Insurance. Eric Mineau had the game-winning hit when he singled in Keith Ferris, who had doubled, in the last of the seventh.

Mike Brunell and brothers Brandon and Keith Ferris each had three hits for Dave's, with Brandon also emerging as the winning pitcher.

Butler and Keefner each had three hits as Quality Printing downed the Fire Department 18-10. One of Keefner's hits was a grand slam homer. Wick had four hits for the firemen.

Little League games tonight

The Berkshire County Little League all-stars tournament swings into high gear tonight with four quarterfinal games all scheduled for 6 p.m.

In tonight's action, Adams will be at Pittsfield North, Pittsfield South will be at Great Barrington, Lee will be at Pittsfield West and Dalton-Hinsdale, fresh from a first-round win over defending champion Pittsfield East on Monday, will host Williamstown at the Hinsdale field.

The winners of tonight's games will advance to semifinal-round play on Friday. The county finals are scheduled for next Monday night.

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Youth baseball roundup

JUL 17 1984

Dalton tops East in LL tourney

Just one day into the Berkshire County Little League all-star tournament, the county is already assured of having a new champion.

The Dalton-Hinsdale all-stars erupted for nine runs in the fifth inning last night to overcome an 8-3 deficit and defeat defending Berkshire County champion Pittsfield East 13-10 at the Benedict Road field.

The win puts Dalton-Hinsdale in the county quarterfinals, where the Central Berkshire team will face Williamstown tomorrow at the Hinsdale field.

That game will be one of four quarterfinals tomorrow. In other action, Adams will be at Pittsfield North, Lee will be at Pittsfield West, and Pittsfield South will be at Great Barrington.

All four of tomorrow's games are set for 6 p.m. The county semifinals are set for Friday, with the finals scheduled for Monday night.

The county champion will then go on to state tournament play.

Dalton-Hinsdale 13, East 10

Glenn Rheinhold cracked a three-run homer to cap the big Dalton-Hinsdale fifth-inning rally.

Rheinhold, Gregg Galecua and Jeff Powell produced clutch singles early in the decisive inning, while Brian Cotter ripped an RBI double before Rheinhold, up for the second time, homered. Dalton added an insurance run in the top of the sixth.

Rheinhold's first-inning single keyed a two-run Dalton surge and the winners added another run in the third on a Rheinhold single and an Angelo Magri double. East exploded for eight runs in the fourth as Brian Lefave belted a three-run homer and Brian Kellar and Kris Knutson stroked two-run singles.

Rheinhold, besides totaling four hits, came in to pitch in the fourth inning, fanned seven and surrendered just three hits the remainder of the way, and claimed the victory.

Dalton 13s trail

In other all-star action last night, the Dalton Babe Ruth League's 13-year-old all-star team was playing the Tom Ash all-stars of Worcester in a losers' bracket game at the Western State Babe Ruth League 13-year-old tournament in Fitchburg.

The game was scheduled for 8 p.m., but because of back-ups earlier in the day, did not start until 9:45. As of press time last night, Dalton was trailing 1-0 in the third inning.

Regular-season play

In regular-season action, Civitan and Connor Pharmacy each won twice in West Little League play.

Eric Reddington drove in six runs with a homer, double and single to lead Civitan past Norm's Variety 16-9. Jay Hurley picked up the win. Kevin Ross had three hits for Norm's and losing pitcher Matt Vanasse struck out 13 batters.

Reddington chased in three runs with three hits to help Civitan down Norm's 19-5. Russell Eaton's two hits paced Norm's.

Jamie Greenlaw stroked three hits to back winning pitcher Chris Sinopoly in Connor Pharmacy's narrow 6-5 decision over Jimmy's Restaurant. Kenny Rodel's two hits were high for Jimmy's.

Sinopoly returned the favor, rapping three hits to back winning pitcher Greenlaw, as Connor downed Jimmy's Restaurant 11-8. John O'Boyle pitched in with two hits while Peter Garivaltis stroked four for Jimmy's.

Norm's Variety won by forfeit against Itam.

LL final, three Legion tilts on tonight's baseball slate

The 1984 Berkshire County Little League championship game and a full, three-game slate in Berkshire County League American Legion baseball action are on the schedule for tonight.

The county Little League title game will match the Dalton-Hinsdale League all-stars against Pittsfield North, with game time set for 6 at the Hinsdale field.

Dalton-Hinsdale will be shooting for its second title in the last three years, having won the crown in 1982. North, on the other hand, last made the finals in 1981, and hasn't won a county championship since 1962.

Dalton-Hinsdale eliminated defending champ Pittsfield East, Williamstown and Pittsfield South on its way to the finals, while North gained its berth in the title game with victories over Adams and Pittsfield West.

The winner will gain a berth in the state Little League playoffs, which will open with a preliminary-round game on Friday.

In Legion action, the Friendship Tyler Aces and North Adams will be meeting for the second time in four days when they clash at Noel Field in North Adams. The Aces, who lead the second half with a record of 6-0, edged North Adams 1-0 in nine innings on Friday night. North Adams is 3-3.

In other action, Pittsfield Post 68, with a 6-1 second-half mark, will host South Berkshire, which is 1-6, in a game at Clapp Park, while Lee-Lexon Dale, which is also 1-6, will be at Dalton, which has a 2-4 second-half slate.

All three games are set to start at 6.

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Little League baseball**Dalton-Hinsdale, North reach county final**

Dalton-Hinsdale and Pittsfield North took different paths but both advanced to the championship game of the Berkshire County Little

League All-star tournament last night.

Glen Reinhold scattered five hits and Dalton-Hinsdale pushed across

a run in the last of the sixth to edge Pittsfield South 1-0 in a semifinal round contest. There were more offensive fireworks in the other semifinal as Kollin Kozlowski and Jim Keefner each belted a grand slam and drove in seven runs in North's 16-9 thrashing of West.

Dalton-Hinsdale will host North Monday at 6 p.m. at the Hinsdale Athletic Complex in the title game. The winner earns a berth in the 16-team state tournament.

Dalton-Hinsdale 1, South 0

HINSDALE — Dalton-Hinsdale bunched three of its four hits in the final inning to down South.

Brian Rilla began the frame with a single off losing hurler Chris Deihl and went to second an out later on Reinhold's infield hit. Mike Donovan followed with a single to right that plated Rilla with the game-winner.

"You couldn't get a better game than that one," declared winning coach Bob Powell.

Reinhold struck out 13 batters and worked out of two late inning jams, one of major proportion. South placed runners on second and third with two out in the fifth but Reinhold eluded that jam with a strikeout. South then put runners on second and third with no one out in the top of the sixth but Reinhold fanned the next two batters, issued a walk to load the bases, and got the final out on an infield pop.

Deihl, who had a one-hit shutout going into the sixth, finished with seven strikeouts. Rilla collected half the Dalton-Hinsdale hits while Ed Sherman stroked three hits for South.

North 16, West 9

The K & K boys, Kozlowski and

Keefner, made like the M & M boys, Mantle and Maris, in their dismantling of West at Clapp Park.

With the score tied 2-2, Kozlowski put North ahead to stay with his grand slam in the top of the third. North held a modest 7-4 lead when Keefner put the game away with his grand slam in the top of the fifth. Both home runs were mammoth drives.

Reliever Mike Brookman was the beneficiary of this onslaught. Pete Garivaltis, Andy Greenlaw and Jay Boland had two hits apiece for West. Jay Rand took the loss.

Westfield will face North all-stars in state LL play

EASTHAMPTON — The Westfield South Little League all-stars gained a berth in the Massachusetts state Little League tournament last night by scoring a 5-4 win over Easthampton.

The win gives South the District 2 championship, and means that the Westfield team will now face the Berkshire County champion Pittsfield North all-stars tomorrow night at 5:30 at Westfield.

Pittsfield North won the Berkshire title Monday night with a 7-0 win over Dalton-Hinsdale.

The winner of tomorrow's first-round state game will then move on to a second-round state playoff tilt on Monday. All state, regional and World Series Little League play is run on a single-elimination format.

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GOOD LUCK!**Go for it**

North Little League All Stars

We are with you even at home.

Tommy Roy & Mrs. Roy

P.S. Good Luck Brandon, Rich, Josh and all the team.

Special Thanks to all the Coaches

NORTH L.L.**ALL STARS****GO FOR IT!**

We feel you beat a good team and we are impressed!

Dalton-Hinsdale All Stars Fans JUL 27 1984

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The Pittsfield North Little League all-star team's first-round state playoff game with Westfield South was also washed out last night.

That game was rescheduled for today at 5 p.m. at Westfield. The winner will advance to a second-round state tournament game against the Central Mass. champion on Monday.

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Joel Librizzi

BERKSHIRE COUNTY CHAMPIONS are the Pittsfield North Little League all-stars, who won their first county crown since 1960 when they defeated Dalton-Hinsdale 7-0 Monday night. Team members include, left to right: front row — Shaun Weigand, Brandon Ferris, Ken VanBramer, Josh Tobin,

Mike Murray, Neil Sprague, Scott Gaudette and Mike Tierney; back row — head coach Joe Penna, Jim Keefner, Rich Manning, Kolin Kozlowski, Mike Brookman, Mike Wilk, Shaun Aitken and assistant coach Dan Giardina. The North stars play at Westfield South in a first-round state tournament game tonight.

Queen's visit, North LL game, on tonight's slate

A Little League state tournament game and a softball visit by the Queen and Her Court are on the area sports schedule for tonight.

The Little League game will pit the Pittsfield North Little League all-stars against the Westfield South all-stars in a 5:30 first-round state playoff game at Westfield.

The North stars earned the right to play in the states when they won the Berkshire County championship with a 7-0 win over the Dalton-Hinsdale all-stars Monday night in Hinsdale. The North team is making its first state tournament appearance since 1960.

Westfield earned the right to face the North Wednesday, when the Connecticut Valley team won the District 2 title with a 5-4 win over Easthampton.

Berkshire County fans attending tonight's game should take the Mass. Turnpike to Exit 3 and follow Route 20 east toward Springfield. Just beyond the main city rotary, Cross Street will be on the right. Turn down Cross Street, which leads right to the Westfield South field.

The winner of tonight's game will advance to a second-round state game on Monday against an opponent and at a site to be determined. The winner of that game will then gain a berth in the state Final Four tournament Aug. 4-5 at Swampscott.

All Little League state, regional and World Series play is run on a single-elimination format.

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Youth baseball roundup

North all-stars bow in states

WESTFIELD — The state championship hopes of the Pittsfield North Little League all-stars came to an abrupt halt Saturday night when Westfield South rallied for five runs in the fifth inning and went on to beat the Pittsfield team 13-9 in the first round of the Massachusetts state Little League all-star tournament.

The victory means that Westfield South will now move on to the second preliminary round, and will host Leominster tonight. The winner of that game will advance to the state Final Four tournament this weekend at Swampscott, with a chance to go on to Eastern Regional and Little League World Series competition.

The loss left the North all-stars with a record of 3-1. The Pittsfield team, which a week ago tonight won its first Berkshire County title since 1960, had captured its county crown by sweeping to victories over Adams, Pittsfield West and Dalton-Hinsdale.

Trailing 8-7 going into the fifth inning, Westfield South suddenly tied the game when John Galanek led off the inning with a solo homer.

Westfield then took the lead by scoring four more fifth-inning runs, with a two-run single by Jeff Blood keying the uprising.

Westfield then added its final run in the sixth on an RBI double by Todd Penas.

Earlier, North had taken its 6-1 lead with a big six-run surge in the last of the first. The big blow of that inning came when Mike Brookman, who cracked a three-run homer in his team's county championship win, belted another three-run shot over the fence in right.

After Westfield cut the Pittsfield lead to 6-5 with a four-run second, an RBI double by Mike Tierney highlighted a two-run North second that put Pittsfield ahead 8-5.

But Westfield crept back to within a run by scoring twice in the fourth, and that set the stage for the big Westfield fifth.

Galanek was the winning pitcher, while Rich Manning went the distance on the mound for North despite taking the loss.

Manning and Mike Wilk led the North attack with two hits apiece.

In regular-season Little League

action, the Pittsfield Pipers wrapped up their third straight East Little League title and finished undefeated by rolling to a 17-2 win over Moldmaster.

Jeff Russo went 4-for-4 for the Pipers with two singles, a double and a triple, while Brian Kellar added two doubles and a single. Winning pitcher Scott Taylor hurled four innings of two-hit ball and racked up six strikeouts.

Little League

The Elks won twice in city little league play, besting Police 11-6 and clobbering Colt 23-6.

Mike Brookman and Rick Mickle each had two hits in the Elks' win over Police. Josh Tobin had two safeties for Police. Dan Roy got the victory and Joe Walker took the loss.

Winning pitcher Roy ripped two hits in the Elks' easy win over Colt. Dom Giardino collected two hits for the losers. Shaun Wiegand took the mound defeat.

Fire Department managed only one hit off Quality's Roy Butler but was still able to take a 1-0 decision behind the shutout pitching of Mike Wilk. Fire scored its run in the fifth on a walk, an error, and two passed balls.

Butler fanned nine batters and walked 10 in defeat.

Pete Amuso stroked three hits and Kolin Kozlowski two in Dave's 12-10 victory over Police. Joe Wallace had two hits for the losers. Brandon Ferris earned the pitching decision over Bill Coe.

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LL city series rained out; games reset for tonight

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The semifinal games in the city Little League tournament are scheduled for this evening after rain washed out both contests last night.

Quality Printing of the North League will meet Friendly's of the West at Clapp Park and East Side Pizza of the South will take on the Pittsfield Pipers of the East at Benedict Road. Both games are scheduled for 5:30.

The city championship game will be played Friday at the home park of the East Side Pizza-Pittsfield Pipers winner.

The city round-robin tournament has been backed up a day and is now scheduled to resume tomorrow. Connor's Pharmacy of the West is scheduled to meet the Elks of the North at the Brown Street Field, while Moldmaster of the East will take on Jimmy's Restaurant of the West at Clapp Park and Dave's Sporting Goods of the North will meet Teo's of the South at Deming Field. Virgilio's Construction of the South League drew a bye.

Mark Ferdyn, Cliff Harris and Mike Murray had two hits each to lead Quality past Colt 8-7. Jim Keefner surrendered only one hit to Scott Gaudette in getting the victory while Dom Giardina was the loser.

Gary Kirby pitched a one-hitter and struck out nine batters in Colt's 16-5 victory over Fire Department. Dom Girdina, Steve Poneck and Brian Bordeau backed Kirby with two hits apiece.

Mike Wilk's three-run homer was the only Fire Department safety. Richie Ott took the loss.

Area sports

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Little League city playoffs set next week

LITTLE LEAGUE: The teams and sites for the Pittsfield Little League city championship and round-robin tournaments have been announced, with action beginning next week. All games are at 5:30 p.m.

In the city championship, involving first-place teams from the four leagues, there will be two games Tuesday. West champion Friendly Ice Cream hosts North champion Quality Printing, and East champion Pittsfield Pipers hosts South champion Eastside Pizza. The winners play for the city title Thursday at the home of the South-East winner.

The round-robin tournament, involving second- and third-place teams, opens with four games next Wednesday. The games include third-place Connor Pharmacy of the West at second-place Elks of the North, third-place Moldmaster of the East at second-place Jimmy's Restaurant of the West, third-place Virgilio's Construction of the South at second-place Besse-Clarke of the East and third-place Dave's Sporting Goods of the North at second-place Teo's Restaurant of the South.

The round-robin semifinals will be next Friday, with the championship game Aug. 12.

AUG 09 1984 Eastside, Quality reach Little League title game

Eastside Pizza and Quality Printing advanced to the city Little League championship game last night with semifinal round victories.

Eastside drubbed the Pittsfield Pipers 10-3 and Quality Printing edged Friendly 5-4. The Pipers, the champions of the East, will host North division champion Quality Printing in the title game tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. at Benedict Road field.

Eric Zopf blasted two home runs, including a three-run shot in the fourth inning, to lead Eastside to victory. Ed Sherman chipped in with a double and two singles.

Kris Knutson ripped three hits and Scott Taylor drove in three runs with two hits for Eastside. Brandon Krupka fanned seven and scattered eight hits to get the victory while Piper starter Brian Kellar took the loss.

Shawn Aitken's fifth inning single snapped a 4-4 tie and gave Quality its decision over Friendly. Winning pitcher Jim Keefner helped his own cause with a home run and a double and John Moynihan ripped two hits.

Losing pitcher Andy Miller doubled twice and Tim Shaughnessy and Jamie Boland each had two hits for Friendly.

Also on the agenda today is the semifinal round of the Pittsfield Little League round-robin baseball tournament. In two games scheduled at 5:30, West teams Connor Pharmacy and Jimmy's Restaurant play at their home field, and Virgilio's of the South visits Dave's Sporting Goods of the North. The winners advance to the championship game Monday at 5:30 at the home field of the Virgilio's-Dave's winner.

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LITTLE LEAGUE: The Pittsfield Little League city championship series is scheduled to get under way with two semifinal games tonight at 5:30. One game features North champion Quality Printing at West champion Friendly Ice Cream, and the other has South champion East Side Pizza at East champion Pittsfield Pipers. Tonight's winners advance to the city championship game Thursday at the home of the East Side-Pipers game.

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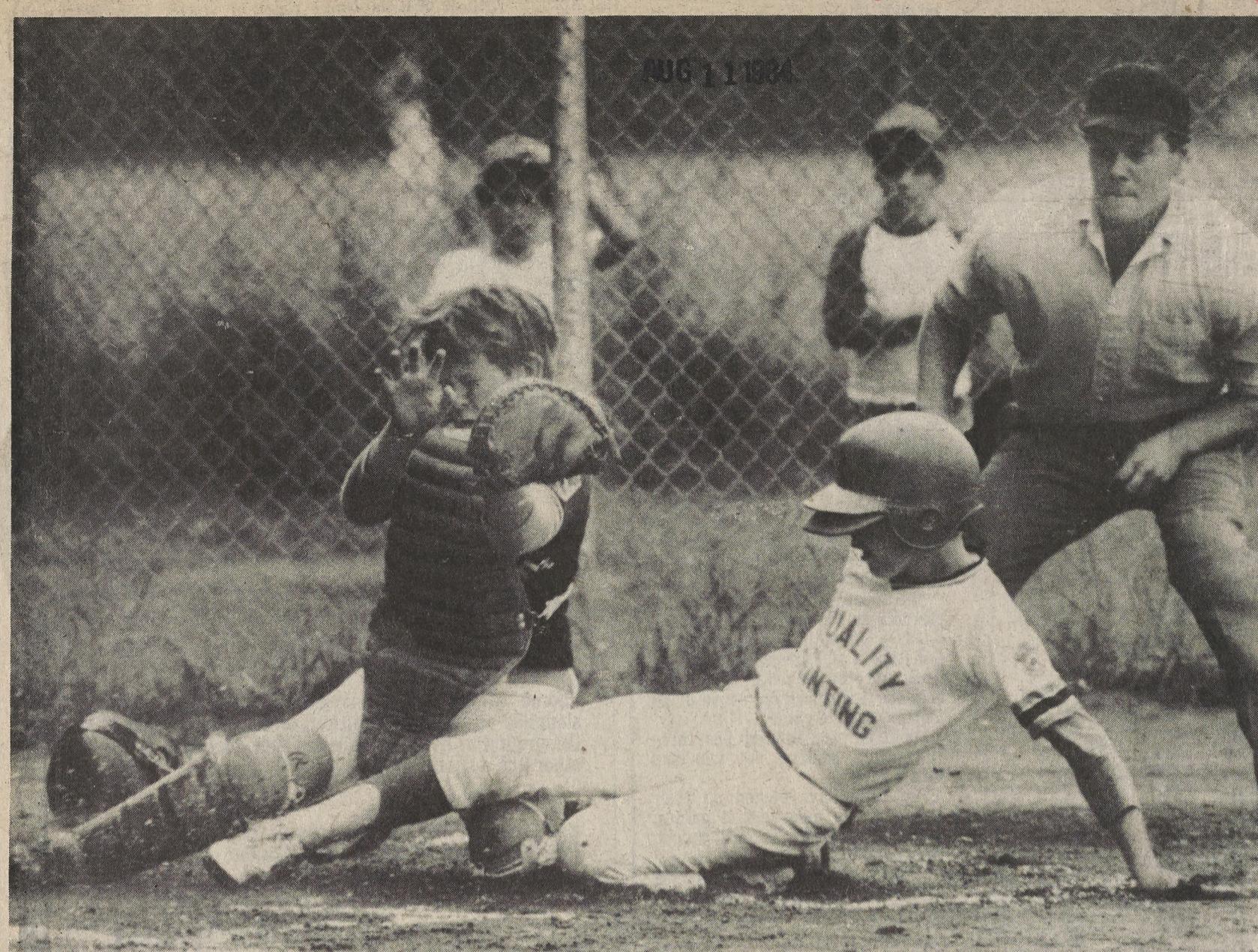
Little League AUG 2 1984

Friendly Ice Cream captured the championship of the West Little League with a 16-1 win over Jimmy's Restaurant, and Eastside Pizza edged Teo's Restaurant 4-3 for the South League title.

Eddie Sherman was the hero for Eastside, belting a home run with two out in the bottom of the seventh inning to lift his team to victory. He also had a single and triple and Eric

Zopf had a single and a homer for the winners. For Teo's, Chris Rousin had a single and a double.

Friendly's erupted for 13 runs in the fifth inning to defeat Jimmy's in a game halted in the fifth by the league's 15-run rule. Kenny Lappoufski had two hits and four RBI in the big inning. Greg Duguay also had four hits for Friendly. Winning pitcher Tim Shaughnessy struck out 11 and yielded only two hits in four innings. Peter Garivalitis had both hits and the lone RBI for Jimmy's.



Susan Plageman

DOWN IN A HEAP, catcher Brendan Collins of East Side Pizza is upended by sliding Jim Natero of Quality Printing, who raced in to score on a wild pitch during last night's Little League city championship game at Deming Field. Umpire is Mark Andrew. East Side came back to win the game 5-3 and capture its second straight city title.

E. Side wins 2nd Little League title

By Ray Lamont

Pitchers Eddie Sherman and Bob Barzottini combined to throw a one-hitter last night as East Side Pizza captured its second straight Pittsfield Little League city championship with a 5-3 win over Quality Printing.

East Side was the South League champion while Quality was representing the North League in the annual city title tilt, which drew a crowd of about 300 parents, friends and fans to Deming Field. East Side finished the season with a record of 19-1, while the Printers bowed out with an 18-4 mark.

Off to a fast start

Incredibly, seven of the game's eight runs were scored in the first inning, and East Side managed just four hits off the combined offerings of Quality hurlers Ray Butler and Shaun Aitken. Butler worked the first four innings, while Aitken mopped up in the East Side fifth.

By that time, however, the Pizza kids had the game — and their second city title — pretty well in hand.

Barzottini, an 11-year-old who was making just his second pitching appearance of the season, worked the first two innings on the hill for East Side, while Sherman, the team's hard-throwing

ace, tossed no-hit ball while striking out six, over the final four frames.

Why didn't Sherman start, you might ask?

Well, Little League rules state that a pitcher may not throw more than six innings in one calendar week. Sherman had gone two innings Tuesday night in the semifinals against the East League champion Pittsfield Pipers before that game was rained out.

"I knew I could only use him for four innings," East Side coach Brian Jones commented. "And I'd rather come in with him for the last four than the first four because he always finishes so strong. Bobby [Barzottini] was a little nervous, but I told him if he just held them to three runs, we'd win."

Quality jumps ahead

It didn't look good for East Side right at the start. With the bases loaded and two outs in the top of the first, Quality's Jon Monahan looped a two-run double into short center field, putting the North team up 2-0. But Barzottini then got Aitken on a grounder to short to end the inning, and Quality's only other run would be an unearned tally in the second.

"I really wasn't worried, because we've come from behind a lot this year," Jones would say later. "I knew they'd have to get more than two or three runs to beat us."

And East Side met the challenge quickly, erupting for five runs in the bottom of the first. The Pizza gang scored on RBI hits by Dennis Pelletier and Barzottini, a fielder's choice grounder off the bat of Rob Dondi, and that old Little League bugaboo, the almost inevitable throwing error which, in this case, produced two runs.

Entering the game in the third, Sherman finished strong indeed, allowing just two baserunners, when he walked both Dale Danylin and Mark Ferdyn in the fourth. Sherman retired the last seven batters he faced, coming back from a 3-0 count to strike out 9-year-old Howie Jones, a nephew of the East Side coach, to end the game.

Eight of the East Side players were returnees from last year's city title team, but there was nothing old hat about the way they reacted to the championship. When the last out was recorded, East Side kids burst from the dugout to mob their teammates and all the team's players later ran what amounted to victory laps, scooting from home to first and back again.

"It seemed a lot tougher this year than last, but I guess it's always tougher the second time around," Jones commented. "It's fun — it's always fun. And these kids have been fun to be with. They've played good ball all year."

Now, once again, those kids are the city champions:

Three win in round robin; city LL title game tonight

Jimmy's restaurant, Connor Pharmacy and Dave's Sporting Goods all advanced to the semifinal round of the Pittsfield Little League round robin tournament with victories last night.

Jimmy's nipped Moldmaster 3-2 and Connor nipped the Elks 12-11 to set an all-West semifinal round matchup tomorrow at 5:30 at Clapp Park. Dave's Sporting Goods of the North edged Teo's restaurant 4-3 and will meet Virgilio's at Brown Field tomorrow at 5:30. Virgilio's, a South team which will host tomorrow's encounter, drew a bye when Besse-Clarke could not field a team.

Eastside Pizza from the South will host Quality Printing from the North today at 5:30 at Deming Field in the championship game of the city Little League tournament.

Matt Webster's fourth-inning single drove in what proved to be the winning run as Jimmy's nipped East representative Moldmaster. Winning pitcher Peter Garivaltis and Jay Rand each had two hits.

Pete Lalor's three safeties paced Moldmaster.

Connor, down 10-4 through four innings, erupted for eight runs in the fifth inning to catch the Elks, another North foe. Winning pitcher Shaun Quinlan and John Greenlaw each had two hits for Connor.

No details of the Dave's-Teo's encounter were available.

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8-14-84 Virgilio's captures round robin crown

Virgilio's outslugged Jimmy's Restaurant 12-8 last night at Deming Field to capture the championship of the city Little League round-robin tournament.

Winning hurler Billy Quadrozzi fanned eight and lashed a double and a single to lead the South League representative to victory. Mark Stodden drove in three runs with two hits and Christian Anthony singled twice.

Ben Webster chased in two runs with three singles and J.R. Rand doubled twice for West League representative Jimmy's. Pete Garivaltis took the loss.

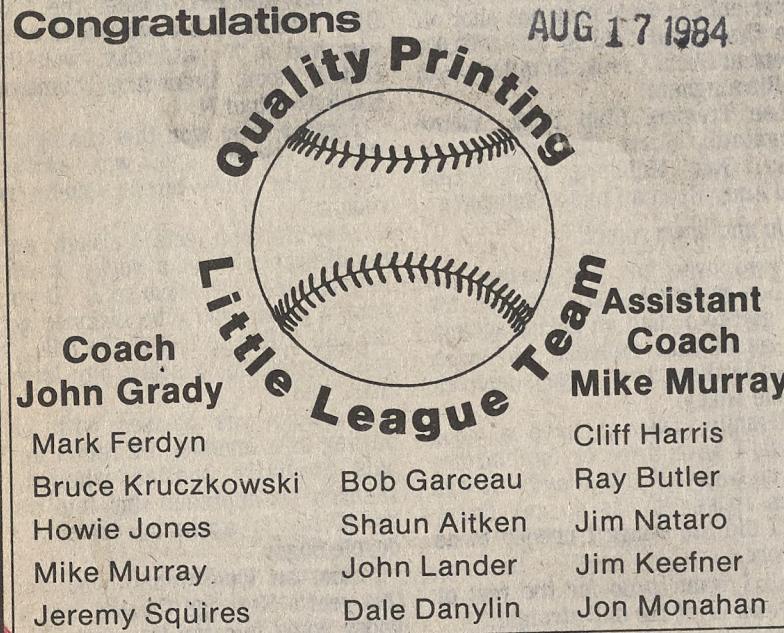
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Almost 200 parents, fans and admirers turned out at Itam Lodge to honor the West Little League All-Stars, the 1974 Massachusetts state champions. Highlight was the presentation of trophies by West League president Bob Casella.



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A VICTORY LAP around the ball park is taken by the national Little League baseball team from Seoul, Korea, after it captured the 1984 Little League World Series Championship with a 6-2 victory Saturday over Altamonte Springs, Fla.



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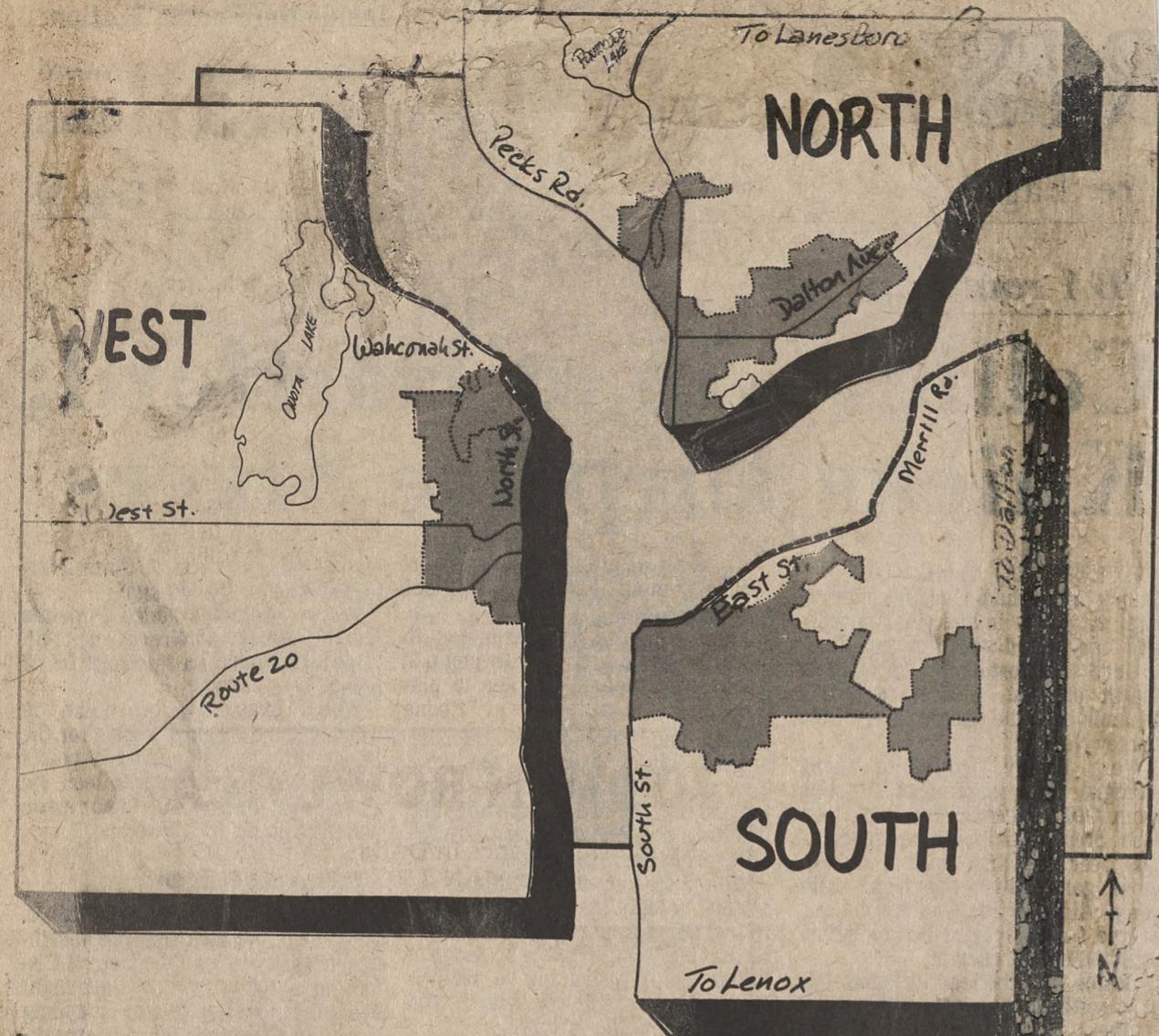


CITY CHAMPION in the Pittsfield Little League this year was the East Side Pizza team. Members are, from left: FRONT ROW — coach Ed Barzottini, Bob Barzottini, Ryan O'Donnell, Jonathan Herman, bat boy Michael Jones, Mike

Mazzeo, Stephen Litster, Tom Hickey and Mark Brutnell. BACK ROW — manager Brian Jones, Dennis Pelletier, Brandon Krupka, Eric Zopf, Eddie Sherman, Rob Dondi, Brendan Collins, Stephen Willis and coach Ray Risley.

Susan Plageman

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Graphics by Dave LoGair

NEW ALIGNMENT of Pittsfield's Little League baseball program divides the city into three leagues along boundaries as shown. The new format replaces the previous four-league arrangement.

Pittsfield's Little Leagues are realigned, consolidated

By Ray Lamont

A major reorganization of Pittsfield's Little League baseball program has been announced by city Little League president Fran McDonald.

Under the plan, the city's North, South, East and West Leagues will be consolidated into three leagues, to be named simply the North, South and West. The new alignment will begin this coming season, and McDonald said the arrangement has been approved by the Little League national headquarters in Williamsport, Pa.

The boundaries for the three leagues will essentially be the same as those used for the city's middle schools, meaning that those players who would attend Herberg Middle School will play in the South League, those who would attend Reid Middle School will be in the North, and those who attend Crosby will play in the West.

The boundaries are based on two lines, which divide the city into three parts. One line begins along South Street, goes out East Street, and continues over the Merrill Road bridge to Merrill Road, Coltsville and out Dalton Avenue to the Dalton town line.

The other line follows North Street to Wahconah Street, onto Peck's Road and then onto the Lanesboro town line.

Changing enrollments

McDonald says the changes were brought on by changing enrollments in the various leagues. Last year, the North and West Leagues each had six teams,

the East had five, and the South League had nine, for a total of 26 teams in the city. Under the new alignment, each of the three leagues will have eight teams of 14 players apiece.

"Part of the reason is the overall drop in population," McDonald explained. "But there's been a shift in enrollments, too. People seem to be moving more back into the central part of the city again, so our outer leagues [the South and East] have dropped in enrollment."

The alignment also leaves a field without a league — the East League field on Benedict Road.

"But we want to continue to use that field," McDonald commented. "We want to rotate the schedule so that all of the leagues can use it. Whether we'll be able to do that, I don't know."

All-star tournament

The Pittsfield realignment is also expected to have a simplifying effect on the Berkshire County Little League all-star tournament, which is held each year in July. In that tournament, all-star players from various leagues throughout the Berkshires compete for a chance to go on to state and potentially regional and World Series Little League play.

The elimination of one of the Pittsfield leagues drops the county tournament field from nine participating teams to eight, forming a perfect bracket for the quarterfinals. Formerly, a single first-round game had to be held to eliminate one team before quarterfinal play.

SOFTBALL: The first meeting of the Berkshire County Slow Pitch Softball Association is scheduled for tomorrow at the Pittsfield Parks Department, 874 North Street, at 7 p.m.

New teams are welcome to send representatives. Coaches or representatives who are unable to attend the meeting should contact Jim Bridges.

Finances, entry fees, plans to improve the softball complex, fund-raisers and a possible autumn softball league are among the items on the agenda.

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Photos by Susan Plageman

Big night for the North

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The Pittsfield North Little League all-stars captured their first Berkshire County championship in 24 years by beating Dalton-Hinsdale last night. At top, an unidentified woman ducks for cover as the second of Mike Wilk's three homers sails over the

fence — and over her head — under the watchful eyes of Dalton-Hinsdale right-fielder Chris Cotter. At lower left, Wilk, right, is greeted by a happy teammate, while at lower right, Rich Manning cuts loose a pitch on the way to his one-hit shutout.



North wins county Little League title

Manning's 1-hitter, Wilk's 3 HRs sink Dalton-Hinsdale

By Ray Lamont

Rich Manning pitched a one-hit shutout and Mike Wilk slammed three home runs last night as the Pittsfield North Little League all-stars won their first Berkshire County championship in 24 years with a 7-0 win over the Dalton-Hinsdale League all-stars at the Hinsdale Athletic Field.

The victory gives the North, which last won a county crown in 1960, a berth in the state Little League playoffs, which begin with preliminary-round play on Friday. North will play at either Easthampton or Westfield South. Those teams are meeting to decide the District 2 championship tomorrow night at Easthampton.

North, which advanced to the finals by scoring earlier tournament wins over Adams and Pittsfield West, used the home run ball to score all seven of its runs last night, with Mike Brookman delivering a three-run blast to compliment Wilk's two solo shots and one two-run clout.

North got on the board in the last of the first, when, after Josh Tobin had left off with a walk, Wilk came up one out later and drilled Keith Reynolds's first pitch for a two-run shot over the fence in left-center.

'Awesome power'

"We've been trying to get him to just meet the ball," North head coach Joe Penna said of Wilk. "He has awesome power when he just makes contact. He doesn't even

have to swing real hard. If he hits it, it goes."

Wilk launched another homer, this one a fly ball that dropped over the fence in right, with one out in the third. And then, after Jim Keefner followed with a double to left-center, Brookman blasted a shot deep over the fence in right-center, pretty much putting the game out of reach at 6-0.

All that remained was for Wilk to add his third homer — a solo shot to left-center — in the last of the fourth.

Near no-hitter

Meanwhile, on the mound, Manning had a no-hitter going through the first five innings. He lost his no-hitter bid when Dalton-Hinsdale's Brian Verminski singled cleanly to right-center with one out in the sixth.

But Manning, a side-arming right-hander, nailed down the win when he got Glen Rheinhold on the fielder's choice grounder and Mike Donovan on a fly to right.

"He has a good fastball, and a nice change of pace," Penna said of Manning. "He doesn't throw many curves, but he mixes up his speeds pretty well, and that's what makes him effective."

Manning racked up just four strikeouts, but his North teammates backed him with an errorless effort in the field, and turned an around-the-horn double play that third baseman Mike Murray started with a great stab of a Chris Cotter one-hop-

per in the fourth.

"This can be a tremendous defensive ballclub," Penna commented. "We had a letdown in our second game (the 16-9 semifinal win over the West), but tonight we made all the plays."

Aside from Verminski's single, Manning allowed just one other ball hit to the outfield.

If North wins Friday's state play-off opener, the team would move onto a second-round state game next Monday. The state Final Four is set for Aug. 4-5 at Swampscoot, with the East Regionals to follow at Newburgh, N.Y., and the Little League World Series to follow that at Williamsport, Pa. If North wins 10 more straight games, the Pittsfield team would reign as the Little League World Champion.

Regular-season North League

Mike Brookman belted three homers as The Elks Club posted a pair of high-scoring victories in recent North Little League action, handing Quality Printing its first loss of the half, 12-5, and downing Dave's Sporting Goods 17-2.

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had two hits for Dave's, and Mike Tierney took the loss.

In other games, the Fire Department downed Dave's 11-1 and Colt Insurance nipped the Police Department 10-9.

Mike Wilk tossed a three-hitter and struck out 11 for the Fire Department. Wilk and Scott Halkowicz each had two hits for the winners. Kozlowski was the loser.

Regular-season West League

Jimmy's won two recent West Little League games, 24-1 over Norm's Variety and 7-3 over Friendly Ice Cream.

Peter Garivaldis pitched a four-hitter and went 4-for-4 at the plate in the win over Norm's. Tommy Harper and Matt Webster added three hits each and J.R. Rand belted a grand slam. Matt Vanasse had two hits for Norm's.

Garivaldis was the winning pitcher and Webster, Harper and Kenny Rodel had two hits each in the victory over Friendly. Greg Dugay had two hits in a losing cause.

In other games, Friendly topped Itam 11-5 and Civitan downed Itam 12-7.

Danny Lay got the win and Chris Ardia and Eric Reddington had three hits each for Civitan. Kevin Cudey had two hits for Itam.

Dugay was the winning pitcher, Tim Shaughnessy belted a three-run homer and Jamieson Pelletier hit a two-run homer — both in the fourth inning — to lead Friendly to victory. Corie Salvi had three hits for Itam.

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10 Years Ago

The city of North Adams was named recipient of an All-America City award from the National Municipal League. The award was made in recognition of "significant citizen achievement for overall betterment."

Midget girl Tracy Hospot, peewee boy Arnold Franz and senior man Dave Izzo, members of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club, won championships at the Capital District championships at Albany, N.Y.

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SPEED SKATING: Alex Goguen of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating club finished first in all five events for those 55 years of age and over in the national masters speed-skating competition held this past weekend at Lake Placid, N.Y.

Goguen won the 400, 800, 1,000, 1,500 and 3,000 meter events.

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SPEED SKATING: Mary Lou DiNicola of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club finished first in the senior woman's B 500 and 1,000-meter races in the RPI Indoor Speed Skating championships held over the past weekend in Troy, N.Y.

Heather Vilot, skating in the juvenile girl category, took second in the 300, 500 and 800-meter events. Mis-

sey Vilot finished third in the 200, 400 and 500 and fourth in the 300 in the pony girl group and Jennie Finnegan finished third in the 300 and fourth in the 200, 400 and 500 in the same category. Richard Rouse finished third in the 200, 300, 400 and 500 in pony boy competition and Alex Goguen, skating in the senior man's class, took third in the 500 and 800 and fourth in the 1,500. Bill Farry also competed in the same division.

MAR 28 1984

SUMMER SOCCER: The Pittsfield Parks Department Summer Soccer League will hold an organizational meeting Tuesday night at 7 at the Parks Department offices on upper North Street.

Anyone wishing to serve as a coach or official in the league or to help the league in any other capacity is asked to attend.

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SUMMER SOCCER: The Pittsfield Parks Department Summer Soccer League will hold another organizational meeting for the 1984 season Tuesday night at 7:30 at the Parks Department offices on upper North Street.

The league is badly in need of more volunteers to help the pro-

gram as both coaches and officials. Al Belanger, a member of the board of directors, said that if more coaches and officials are not found, the league may not be able to operate this season.

Anyone who wishes to help the league but will be unable to attend the meeting should contact Belanger at his home on Wealthy Avenue.

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SUMMER SOCCER: The Pittsfield Department of Recreation Summer Soccer program will hold an organizational meeting Wednesday night at 7:30 at the department's offices at 874 North St.

The league is still in need of persons to serve as coaches. Anyone interested in helping the league in that or any other capacity should attend the Wednesday meeting or contact Al Belanger, a member of the league's board of directors, at his home at 118 Wealthy Ave.

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SUMMER SOCCER: The Pittsfield Recreation Department's summer soccer program will conduct registration tryouts both Saturday morning at 10 and next Monday night at 6:15 at the Taconic High fields.

All players wishing to play in the league must register at one of those sessions whether they played in the program last year or not. Only new players or players changing divisions, however, are required to try out.

There is an equipment fee of \$8, which is used to defray league expenses and also covers the cost of a team jersey, which players are allowed to keep at the end of the season. Also, the program is instituting a policy this year that says a player may not play both soccer and baseball.

The league includes three divisions — the Peewee Division, for players ages 7-9, the Junior Division, for those ages 10-12, and the Senior Division, for players ages 13-15. A player's division is determined by his or her age as of June 1.

The Pittsfield Department of Recreation's summer soccer leagues recently concluded, with the Metros

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claiming regular-season honors in all three divisions.

The Metros captured the senior division with a 7-0 mark, but they fell to the Cosmos 2-1 in the playoff finals. Mike Belanger and Chip Schnackenberg scored for the Cosmos in the finale, with Dennis Desnoyers netting the Metros' lone tally.

In the junior division, the Metros compiled a 5-2-1 record for regular-season honors. The Metros, however, did not reach the playoff finals. The Stars and Cosmos squared off in the finale, with the Stars squeaking out a 2-1 victory in a shootout. The game was tied 2-2 at the end of two overtimes, forcing a shootout, in which five penalty kicks are awarded to each team. Brian Reardon and Scott Schultz scored

the Stars' shootout tallies, with Candy Casucci sending home one penalty kick for the Cosmos.

In the peewee division, the Metros claimed first place with a 7-0-2 mark. There were no playoffs, since this division is primarily an instructional league.

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Soccer twin bill Tuesday features PHS, THS, BCC

An exhibition double-header involving the boys' soccer teams from Pittsfield High and Taconic and the men's team from Berkshire Community College will kick off the Berkshire County soccer season Tuesday night at Wahconah Park.

The double-header is scheduled as a fund-raiser to help benefit the soccer programs at PHS, THS and BCC, and the event is being sponsored by Teo's Restaurant, which also sponsors the senior amateur Teo's International Soccer Club of the West State League and the Tri-State Summer League.

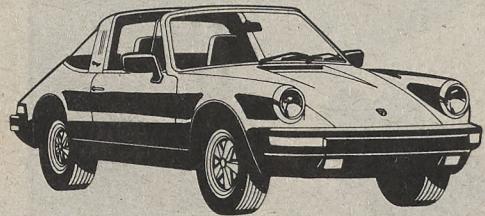
The event will begin at 6 p.m., when Pittsfield and Taconic will meet in a scrimmage, with play scheduled to run over two 30-minute halves.

The second game of the twin bill will be at 7:30, when BCC will face the Teo's International Club, which includes a number of former area high school and collegiate standouts.

PHS and Taconic are slated to open their regular seasons next Friday, while BCC will play its season opener next Saturday at Bard College. The Teo's Club opens its West State League fall season Sept. 16.

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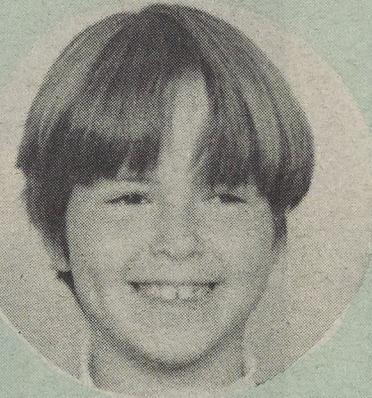
The Inquiring Photographer

By Marcel E. Peltier



A child's eye view: 'If I had one wish . . . ?'

All children were interviewed at Egremont Elementary School and are members of Dorothy Rowe's 4th grade class



Katie Brazeau, age 9: "I would wish that there were no more world wars, the countries would destroy all their nuclear bombs and devices, and that everywhere the people would regain peace."



Jeff French age 9: "If I had one wish it would be to stop nuclear war. If it starts again nothing will be left even some of us — and many other things, too — won't be left."



Marisa Mendonsa, age 9: "To be an Olympic speed skater."



Amy Suchurzewski, age 9: "I would love to be on a farm with animals. That's all I ask."



Joey Scalise, age 9: "I would wish that I was the president of the United States of America."



Missy Henderek, age 8: "I'd wish I won the lottery and it paid 5 million bucks, so I could travel to Las Vegas and Australia. With my cousin Stacy, I'll go to Australia and my Aunt Dorothy to Las Vegas."



Ginella Tanner, age 8: "I would wish I had a unicorn and a beautiful castle for the rest of my life."



Kevin O'Donnell, age 9: "If I had one wish it would be to stop making nuclear bombs."



Marieka Laycock, age 9: "That I could learn to help others in need of help. And that I could find generosity in my heart to give the money to help support the needy children. And to realize how lucky I am. I hope someday that all of the needy are fully supported. I am so lucky that I have two great parents."

25 Years Ago

Glenora Zofrea was Pittsfield's outstanding entrant in the Middle Atlantic speed-skating championships at Newburgh, N.Y. Competing in the juvenile girls' class, she placed second in the 220-yard race and third in the 440.

Mrs. William J. Stanger was named president of the St. Charles' Church Rosary Society. Mrs. Raymond W. Conway was elected vice president.

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SPEED SKATING: Alex Goguen of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club captured the Master's title at the Lake Placid Outdoor Speed Skating meet last weekend in Lake Placid, N.Y. He won the 800-meter

and 1,500-meter events and was second in the 500- and 1,000-meter.

Another Pittsfield skater, Bill Farry, competed in the Senior Men's B Division.

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DiNicola wins in N.Y.

Speed skating slated Saturday and Sunday

The Berkshire Hills Outdoor Speed Skating Championships, part of the 39th Pittsfield Winter Carnival, have been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday on Pontoosuc Lake, according to event chairman Mrs. Carl Peaslee.

The races, scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday in front of the Sons of Italy, are expected to draw skaters from throughout the Northeast as well as Ohio. The event is sponsored by the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee.

Nine members of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club competed at the 52nd annual Eastern States Outdoor Speed Skating Championships last weekend at Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Mary Lou Bromback DiNicola, who last competed in 1958, won the Senior Women's B Class, capturing all four events, the 500-meter, 800-meter, 1,000-meter and 3,000-meter.

Sixty-four-year-old Alex Goguen

lost the Masters title by only one point to 46-year-old Tony Marchese of Newburgh, N.Y., with Goguen winning the 3,000 and taking second in the 500, 800, 1,000 and 1,500.

Heather Vilot was second in the Juvenile Girls' Class by winning the 500 and taking second in the 300, 800 and 1,000. Michelle Nardin, in her first race, was third in the 300, 500, 800 and 1,000.

Joanne Farry, also coming out of retirement, was second in the Senior Women's A Class 800 and 1,000, third in the 500 and 3,000 and fourth in the 1,500.

Bill Farry, coming off a 10-year layoff, was third in the 1,500 and fourth in the 500 and 3,000 in the Senior Men's B Division.

In her first competition, Jennifer Finnegan was third in the 100 and 400 of the Pony Girls' Class, with Missey Vilot fourth in the 200 and 300. Richard Rouse competed in the Pony Boys' Class.

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SPEED SKATING commentator Eric Heiden (left) rehearses his new role for the 1984 Winter Olympics in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia. Heiden won five gold medals at the 1980 games.

SPEED SKATING: Five members of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club took part in the 1984 Empire State games at Lake Placid, N.Y., last weekend.

JoAnn Farry finished second in the 1500-meter event and third in both the 800- and 1000-meter races in the women's open class. In the scholastic class, Heather Vilot grabbed thirds in the 800, 1000 and 1500, and Richard Rouse, competing in the boys' pony category, finished fourth in the 500-meter race. Alex Goguen and Bill Farry also represented Pittsfield in the men's open class.

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25 Years Ago

Hildreth Spooner won the science bee championship at South Junior High School, and Deborah Fitzgerald was the winner at North Junior High. The science contest was held in 8th-grades throughout the state.

Racing in the junior girls' division, 14-year-old Patti Smith sped to a first-place finish in the 880-yard race to save Pittsfield from a shut-out in the Berkshire Hills speed-skating championships.

SPEED SKATING: Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club members JoAnne Farry, Alex Goguen and Richard Rouse won class championships Saturday in the Bay State Indoor Championships at the Sterti Memorial North End rink in Boston.

Farry, competing in the Senior Women's A division, took first place in the 500, 800 and 1,500-meter races, while Goguen placed first in the Men's Masters class, winning the 500 and 1,500-meter events and placing second in the 800-meter race. Both Farry and Goguen are Pittsfield residents.

Rouse, who lives in Williamstown, won the Pony Boys' division by finishing first in the 100, 200 and 300-meter events.

Bill Farry of Pittsfield also competed in the event, racing in the Senior Men's B class. He placed second in the 500-meter race, was third in the 100-meter run and finished fourth in the 1,500-meter event.

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Farry wins skating title

SPEED SKATING: JoAnn Farry of Pittsfield captured the senior women's championship at the Hudson Valley Indoor Speed Skating Championships, the final skating event of the season last weekend in Yonkers, N.Y. Farry won the 400, 800-, 1,000- and 1,500-meter events.

Alex Goguen of Pittsfield was second in the Masters 400 and 1,000 and third in the 800 and 1,500.

Both skaters represent the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club.

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Mrs. Peaslee is new president of skating group

Patricia A. Peaslee of Pittsfield was elected president of the Northern New York Skating Association for the 1984-85 season at the group's annual meeting Sunday at the Stanley Club. She succeeds Virginia O'Brien of Ballston Spa, N.Y.

Also elected were Mary T. Smith of 97 Brombach St., Pittsfield, first vice president; Marc DuBois of Wilmington, N.Y., second vice president, and Thomas Porter of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., third vice president. Mrs. Peaslee appointed Mrs. Smith as the association secretary/treasurer for the coming year.

Other Pittsfield residents appointed to various committees were William Farry, racing; Carl Peaslee, finance; Pat Ryan, records; JoAnn Farry, liaison with skaters, and Mrs. Peaslee, Hall of Fame. In addition, Mrs. Peaslee and Mrs. Smith were elected as delegates to the Amateur Skating Union of the United States convention to be held later this month in Oakbrook, Ill.

Mrs. Peaslee currently is chairman of the Amateur Skating Union's hall of fame committee and is a member of its membership/growth/novice programs. Mrs. Smith is a member of the ASU's audit and finance committee and its nominating committee. Mrs. Ryan serves on the racing committee and is co-chairman of the skater ranking committee.

Mrs. Peaslee lives with her husband, Carl, at 116 Shore Drive and has been an employee of the city of Pittsfield's Department of Recreation for 19 years.

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10 Years Ago
The man credited with being Berkshire County's most influential inventor was honored in Great Barrington with the dedication of William Stanley Memorial Park at the corner of North Main Street and Cottage Street.

Kurt Hospot, Bruce Flocken and Arnold Franz were chosen top skaters for the 1973-74 season of the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club.

Alfred J. Basiliere, 74, ran Hinsdale golf course

HINSDALE — Alfred J. Basiliere, 74, longtime owner-operator of the former Mount View Golf Course, died yesterday at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield after a long illness. He was a resident of 2625 South Atlantic Ave., Cocoa Beach, Fla.

Although he was best known for the 30 years for his affiliation with the golf course, his major athletic accomplishments came in his youth as a champion ice skater. He won the New England speed skating championships in 1929 and 1930. The following year, he was urged to enter the trials for the 1932 Olympics at Lake Placid, N.Y., but had sponsorships difficulties and did not compete in the tryouts.

He later appeared in skating exhibitions with Sonja Henie, who became a movie star after her Olympic feats. He declined an invitation to join a tour with her in the Ice Capades because he was planning to get married and wanted a position that would not involve travel.

Born in Malone, N.Y., son of William P. and Celina Neron Basiliere, he lived in Rhode Island and Springfield before coming to Hinsdale.

He was employed as a fabricator in the power transformer department of the General Electric Co., retiring in 1963 after 23 years of service.

He and his wife, the former Madeleine Betters, whom he married Aug. 17, 1947, bought the Hinsdale Country Club in 1954 and a few years later renamed it the Mount View Golf Course. The business, now known as the Bas-Ridge Golf Course, has been redesigned and is currently operated by their son and daughter-in-law, William J. and Carol Ann Basiliere.

Two years ago, Mr. Basiliere competed in the course's annual championship tournament and won the men's title, shooting a sizzling 72 that matched his age.

He was a member of the Order of Moose of Merritt Island, Fla., and the GE Pensioners Club and was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church here.

Besides his wife and son, he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Patricia A. Gazaw of Dalton; three brothers, Eugene Basiliere of East Longmeadow, Henry Basiliere of Canton, N.Y., and Noel Basiliere of Malone; a sister, Mrs. Ella Degon of

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Alfred J. Basiliere

Speed Skating Club to hold open houses

The Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club will hold three open houses at its indoor practice sessions at the Pittsfield Boys' Club next week in conjunction with National Speedskating Week.

The sessions will be Sunday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 11, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in speed skating is invited to attend. The club's coaching staff will be on hand to assist those who need instruction.

The club will conduct a skate-a-thon on Sunday, Nov. 11, to help defray the cost of ice time for the season.

Additional information about the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club may be obtained by calling the Department of Recreation office.

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Holland, and eight grandchildren.

The funeral will be tomorrow at 10 a.m. from the Dwyer Funeral Home in Pittsfield, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11 at St. Patrick's Church. Burial will be in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Calling hours at the funeral home are today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9. The family has requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the American Liver Foundation in care of the funeral home.

SEP 27 1984 Registration slated for skating lessons

Registration for the annual learn-to-skate program conducted by the Pittsfield Park Speed Skating Club, in conjunction with the Department of Community Services, will be held Monday, Oct. 1, from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. at the recreation office, 874 North St.

The clinic will run Monday, Oct. 15 through Thursday, Oct. 18 from 6 to 7 p.m. and Friday, Oct. 19 from 7 to 8 p.m.

One-half hour of instruction and one-half hour of practice will be held at each session, along with fun races with ribbons being awarded and a mini-speedskating demonstration. The program is for Pittsfield residents only and is open to boys and girls of kindergarten age through grade 12.

No phone registrations will be accepted. If vacancies remain following the Monday evening registration, however, out-of-towners and phone registration will be accepted on Tuesday at the recreation office.

A \$6 registration fee will be charged to help defray the cost of the program. For further information call the recreation office.

SEP 22 1984 Speed skating club to organize Monday

The Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club will hold an organization meeting for the 1984-85 skating season on Monday, at 7:30 p.m. at Springside House.

Anyone interested in speed skating, regardless of age or ability to skate, is invited to attend.

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Rouse of Williamstown won the mid-
get boys' title by winning the 200-
300- and 500-meter races at the third

annual Greenwich Ice Skating Races & Connecticut Indoor Speed Skating meet Saturday at the Dorothy Hamill Skating Rink in Greenwich, Conn. This marked the first competition of the season for the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club.

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